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LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT, GOVERNOR, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 19/25, 1702. [*O.C., Vol.* 57, *iii, No.* 7867. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE}: THE GOV^{R}: FOR THE TIME BEING.

Sir,

The inclosed is Copy of what I wrote you by the Dutchess who I hope arriv'd safe with you, and am sorry I must now advise you that the Scene of your affairs is alter'd of what it was when I then [wrote] you, of which you are fully advis'd in our generall and Consultations.

By the King's order you'll see our present troubles are grounded upon the paper sign'd by your President at Surat, notwithstanding which I beleive it would never have any way effected us, but for the importunities backed with the great charge Sir William has been at to procure it, for which I doubt not but to hear he is well requited, for from his first arrivall he has been very dilligent in procuring your ruine, without the least prospect of advantage to his Employers, and he could make none of it himselfe unless he charg'd much more then it cost him to obtaine.

I here enclose to you the last news wee had from the Person I keep at the King's Camp (where 'tis said he has been very much slighted and affronted) which he left in disgust The King hearing of it sent an officer to command h:m back, but he not obeying it he was pursued with an order which overtook him after he had passed Brampore, in his way to Surat the Nabob of which place fetch'd him back, and keept him prisoner there, and here is lately a report in Dowd Cawnes Camp that he is return'd to the King, to which I doe not give much Credit.

The News from Metchlepatam by the Bedford which is what given out by their own People, is that he was stop'd at Brampore, to which place the King had sent him a Phirmaund, but the Nabob there would not deliver it him without four hundred thousand rupees which he promises to pay when he comes to Surat, but the Peons which brought the letters with this news, they keep up close prisoners at Metchlepatam, and permit noe body to speake with 'em, from which I infer they have worse news then what wee are yett inform'd of.

There having been formerly a discovery made amongst the new Comp^{as}: Bullion brought to Metchlepatam, that there was severall coins of diverse places in this Countrey, which made 'em suspitious it was Pyrats money: soe since Sir William has been a prisoner the King's order came down to send some of it up, but 'tis said that by a summ of money they have procur'd the Vaucawnaves[1] to write in their favour.

For my part I cannot see wherein and when these troubles will end, for what the Government has done now to us is of an extraordinary nature, and never offer'd at before, which is the seizing of your estates in the Countrey, which is noe better then declaring an open warr, with you, and if you should make it up at this time with money (which abundance of our people are earnest for) I think

1. Arabic, *wāki'ah-navis* = a news-writer. These among the Moghuls were a sort of registrars or remembrancers. Later they became spies who were sent into the provinces to supply information to the Central Government. *Hobson-Jobson.*

'tis of the worst Consequence immaginable and as bad or worse then if you should loose what is abroad, for if you give money you'll entaile it on you to all succeeding Nabobs, and you are noe ways secure from having the like done again, for when that you have made a considerable Investment, as you have lately here, and give out a large summ of money without which you can have noe goods, the same will doubtless be done againe soe that till you have compell'd 'em to give satisfaction for this notorious Injustice, your Commerce in these parts will be very precarious, for this Nabob Duan and Buxie I believe have exceeded their Commission, the truth of which is very difficult to know, for that a little justice is not to be had without a great deale of money.

Wee have dispatch'd to our Vakeell at Court, the Copy of the order a Petition to the King, and letters to Assid Cawne and his son, and must waite sometime for the answere thereto.

What contributes to our present troubles is alsoe the ill neighbourhood wee have at St. Thoma, the Governour of that place being a near relation of the Duans, who is frequently complaining against this place, for that the trade is all here and none at all there, and has been often heard to say that he would some way or other contrive the ruine of it, and I am afraid will in time effect it, if wee are not beforehand with 'em, for whilst they have that place for their refuge this will be very uneasy. The Portugueeze as you will see by their Bishops Letter make a pretence to it, thô they have noe more then wee, for they are noe better then Slaves to the Moors, and none but such a Scandallous people as they are would reside at such a place, which is easy for us to demollish if you give your orders about it.

Wee every day discover more and more of the Dutch their treachery against us, for since the Nabob came down hither, he has been supply'd with powder and ammunition from Policat, and have promis'd him not to assist us, who ought to be the only Sufferers on this account they and only they, having been the great supporters of Pyrats in these parts, and incouragers alsoe of the Arabs in their Insolencies for that none of their ships are molested by either.

For my part I am not under any apprehension that the Government can doe more to us then they have done, for our Garrison is in a very good posture of defence, and hope that you will as soon as you receive this, send us a plentifull supply of men and arms, resolving to stand it out, unless an accommodation be offer'd soe as wee can preserve your estate and honour.

You have abroad at this time upon this coast in the Weavers and your Merchants factors hands, with what goods they have already seiz'd in the Countrey about one-hundred and fifty-thousand pagodas, which they'll soon restore with good Interest for the same, if once they see you are in earnest with 'em.

Wee advised you by the Dutchess that wee had lett out the Phœnix to an Armenian for a Bengall and Persia voyage, which Armenian has wrote up here a sad complaining Letter that noe Merchants would freight on the ship by reason of an order that the Merchants of Surat had wrote their factors that they should load noe goods upon any of the Old Companys ships, and your President and Councill there confirms the same; soe whither she proceeded on her voyage wee doe not as yett hear.

As wee have advis'd you in our Generall they have not only seized what goods of yours they have found, your Merchants Factors and their accounts, Stop'd all manner of provisions, intercepted Letters, but have alsoe seiz'd all Merchants effects belonging to this place in the Countrey and seal'd up as much as their shops which they keep in Towns remote to vend what they buy here.

In a letter I receiv'd lately from Cawne Bahawders Secretary, he mentions that wee must send his Master a fitting present for the King, which he would deliver in our behalves, for the New Companys servants have made noe small noise with their presents, nor have they been wanting of importuning the great Men to demand the same of us and I believe have pritty well entail'd it upon the

trade let who will enjoy it, they have likewise been crying up our revenues and telling the Government that they wonder'd they would suffer us to collect them upon their Kings subjects, for thô wee wore the King's Flagg, wee were but Merchants Garrisons, and such too, from whome our King had withdrawne his protection.

I hope you'll have it in your thoughts how to provide for the security of the place, in case there be a warr with France, for they will most certainly apply to 'em for Ships or bring a fleet of Arabs against us, for which wee will make as good provision as wee can.

I am sorry wee are not like to have Mr. Roberts here soe soon as I expected, for by report I fear he will meet with disappointments in his busyness, but your Ships from that part can better inform you.

At my writeing this the Hampsheir has not arriv'd, till when wee can by noe means part with the Bedford, thô her staying here after she is laden will be very uneasy to me.

This comes by Captain Harrison who has been very assistant to this place and behav'd himself in all respects like a man of honour and Integrity and I believe should you employ him in any post in your service, you would receave great satisfaction from him.

FEBRUARY 25TH.

I kept this letter open to the very departure of the Ship that soe I might acquaint you with all things materiall.

Yesterday wee receiv'd letters from Fort St. David and a translate of a letter from the Gover[n]or of that Countrey, Copy of which comes inclos'd, by which you'll see who occasions our present troubles, and the whole Countrey rings of it, and 'tis reported by the most considerable Natives, that Sir William Norris with his accomplices have given a large sum of money to procure this order and 'tis further said he has given a writeing that the putting of it in execution shall not entaile warr upon the Countrey, nor any trouble whatever, for that 'tis the desire of our King and Nation that your Interest should be extirpated out of these parts, soe that you have noe other way to revenge and doe yourselves justice, then to send out a considerable force to demand satisfaction of the Countrey for all past Injuries, which will most undoubtedly and effectually procure the extirpation of the New Companys Interest in these parts, and they will certainly seize their Effects to make you satisfaction, and if I can meet with any oppertunity in the mean time to requite 'em for these their Villanies I will most certainly doe it, for I believe the World cant parrelell their Actions, and 'tis to the admiration of all the whole Countrey and Europeans, that he who acts under the spetious pretence of a King's Ambassador should stick at noe charge nor anything else to procure the ruine of a great part of the Kingdome he belongs to. As you have a subscription in that Stock, you'll have the perusall of his accounts by which you may be able to pick out something that may confirme what I write you, for there are noe such extraordinary orders as this is to be procur'd but at extraordinary charge.

The affairs of India were never in such confusion as they are now and if there be warr with France I'me afraid you'll be hardly able to send us such supplies as our Circumstances require, for wee have just reason to be jealous that the French or Arab if not both will give their assistance to carry on any ill designe against us, and the Dutch wee are sure will never help us, but underhand the Contrary, my humble service to you and all the Committee wishing prosperity to your affairs and I assure you I will doe my utmost to Contribute thereunto not doubting but that I shall overcome our present troubles, and hope by your timely assistance and advice to prevent future.

I am, Hon^{ble} Sir,
Your most Obedient humble servant,
THO. PITT.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1702-1703.

LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT, GOVERNOR, FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 3, 1702. [*O.C., Vol.* 58, *i, No.* 8035. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HONBLE THE DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Sirs,

Whereas my gratitude as an Englishman obliges mee to pay all defference to the Blessed Memory of King William, So alSo on this occasion I cant butt remember that Great Saying of His to the French King's Plenipotentiarys att Ryswick upon concluding the Peace which furnishes mee with apt words for this address to you. T'was my Fate and nott My Choice that made mee Your Enemy and Since You and my Masters are united, Itt shall be my utmost Endeavours to purchase Your Good Opinion, and deserve your Friendship.

The Bearer is my Son whome I recommend to Your favour as You shall find him meritt the same. My Service to you all I am

Sirs

FORT ST. GEORGE,
October the 3d, 1702.

Your most Obedient Humble Servant
THO. PITT.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. MAY 18/25, 1703. RECEIVED PER AURUNGZEBE *via* BOMBAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1704. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 1. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. The Howland putting into Madrass brought the Mannagers Letter of the 31st July 1702 suffering great damage by the Storm; all the Ships therein mentioned had been at the Cape.

2. Have received the Charter of Union and Conveyance of the Dead Stock: have Orderd all Accompts to be ballanced to the 22th July and New Books to begin with the Dead Stock and Charges thereon shall take and send an Inventory thereof with the Condition of everything.

3. Shall Speedily gett in all Debts and Settle depending Accompts and assist the New Companys People to whome have forwarded Copy of the Letter of the 31th July.

4. This going via Suratt & Aleppo makes them be so concise: wish the Mannagers affairs may prosper which they will contribute unto.

Signed by

THOMAS PITT — MATHEW EMPSON
FRANCIS ELLIS — THOMAS MARSHALL
THOMAS WRIGHT — JOHN MEVERELL.

P.S. THE 25TH MAY 1703.

Mr. John Pitt Dyed at Durumpaut the 8th May 1703, Seized with an Appoplexy in his Pallankeen: hear he is much in Debt to the Merchants which may Occasion trouble: have offerd their assistance to the New Companys Factors there.

Signed by

THOMAS PITT — MATHEW EMPSON
FRANCIS ELLIS — THOMAS MARSHALL
THOMAS WRIGHT — JOHN MEVERELL.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1703–1704.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. NOVEMBER 5, 1703. RECEIVED PER COLCHESTER, OCTOBER 11, 1704. ORIGINAL SENT VIA SURATT. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 7. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. The 11th July last received Copy of the Managers Letter 24th September 1702 from Suratt: glad so many ships therein mentioned are arrived: wish the Bedford had been one.

2. Want ships and supplys of Men &c^{a}: nothing but force can reduce the Moors to reason and make the Companys Estates and Factors Secure.

3. Shall lay aside all animositys which have done Mischief to the Trade thô some are gone who occasioned it; others are still left who endeavourd to renew them, Mr. John Pitt carrying off Mr. Woolstone by force from Metchlepatam. Sir Edward Littleton and Council writing scurrilous Letters of the President and Council of Madrass.

4. Two French ships past by Madrass from Pollychery [1] the 24th ult^{o}: with a Prize a Moors ship from Codalore bound to Atcheen with an English Pass; they are said to be Kings ships & left France 1st of April: have brought out men and ammunition for their Garrison: fear they are gone off the Nicobar Islands for Booty.

5. Shall dispatch the Colchester in January: she is now in the Bay: also the Chambers if she arrives from China.

6. The Aurungzebe winterd at Carwar, the Glocester Arriv'd the West Coast the 22th March 1702–3 and will be laden from thence. The Hallifax arrived Metchlepatam from Canton 23th June 1703 and mett in the Streights of Mallacca two French ships bound to Canton who had taken 2 Dutch ships and sold them at Atcheen not knowing of the Warr with England: they did not Attack her Severall New Companys Ships in Bengall: the Katherine is gone thence to Suratt.

7. Dutch make but small Investments & the French none: hope may Purchase Goods at Cheaper Rates than formerly, have abated 12 per cent on an Investment of 50,000 Pagodas to the Southward.

8. Chay [2] Goods Dear at Metchlepatam; have Orderd a Small Investment there if to be had at the Old Prices.

9. The Government threaten them with troubles about the Three Townes which they will defend to the utmost. They expect Soldiers and Amunition by the Ships.

10. Fear Grain will be scarce for want of rain.

11. None of the New Companys People have com from Metchlepatam to take an Inventory of the Dead Stock at Fort St. George. Mr. Tillard Provisionall President wrote them he had no Council.

Signed by

THOMAS PITT
FRANCIS ELLIS
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATHEW EMPSON
THOMAS MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL.

1. Pondicherry. Musulmans call it *Pulcheri*.—*Hobson-Jobson.*
2. From Tamil *sayaver* = colour root. This is used on the coast for printing chintz.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 28 AND FEBRUARY 12, 1704. RECEIVED PER COLCHESTER, OCTOBER 11, 1704. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 8. (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. They wrote the 18th May and 15th November last Via Suratt, their Copys Enclosed. Tavistock arrived 14th December, have received the Letters by her of the 9th March & 1st April; She and the Dutchess arrived Atcheen in November; Dutchess saild from Vizagapatam 8th Instant, having buryed 20 Men, the Tavistock lost forty.

2. Want soldiers for the Garrisons: of 16 Soldiers sent by the Tavistock, 8 dyed in the Passage and 4 since.

3. Shall send the Tavistock to the Bay with 10000*l* in Gold.

4. Know of no irregularities in the Factorys, all affairs are managed in Council and determined by the Majority like orders given to all other Places.

5. All Contracts for Goods made in Council of nothing Clandestinely, all proceedings have been duly enterd in Consultation books and those kept up.

6. Account of Cash past monthly in Council and Ballance enterd in Consultation Book, like for the Mint Warehousekeeper Land Customer Paymaster Store-keeper which the Accomptant has deliverd to bring into the Books; all money received or Issued is done and Enterd in Consultation.

7. Generall Books will be a Month behind of Necessity: the Accomptants sickness has hinderd the reading the Journall Parcells monthly in Consultation and Causes the Books to be behind hand.

8. Shall take care the United Stock dont suffer by demands on either Company nor shall they by it. Shall act so as to preserve their reputation and answer expectation.

9. Council are always Summond on receipt of Letters from the Company: shall observe the Rules given them Impartially.

10. Have when received the former Letter directed the begining New Books in all Places as per enclosed Order and have enterd therein how they stand Possest of the Dead Stock; shall keep each Companys Accounts apart and unmixed which at present is very Puzling and retards them, hope to send them in September if can get in the subordinate books.

11. Its rare they have not Consultations weekly and if occasion oftener the Secretary constantly enters all transactions in the Book which is read before rising and when Transcrib'd, examined and Signed and Copys constantly sent home every year.

12. Shall always endeavour to promote the vend of the Woollen Manufacture: what received by the Colchester sold at 50 to 60 per cent Profitt which the Buyer will loose by: Shall Sell in future at a moderate Profitt to encrease its Consumption: list of Goods wanted now sent.

13. Shall furnish the West Coast with necessaryes althô now orderd to be Independant of the Fort: they have now 2 Sloops and a Ship with them but their Liberty to draw Bills on Madrass has been the Chief Encouragement of the Place and without Supplys and Settlements would have been lost if they continue Independant on Madrass: they are like to be in a Precarious Condition: Shall Send them Redwood and Petre if receive it from the Bay.

14. Shall Send them what they write for but could judge better if knew what was sent from England.

15. Copys of Letters received from and Sent to the West Coast enclosed, also Invoice of what sent them.

16. Shall send no Pepper from the Coast unless received in the Companys own ships.

17. Some of the Stores now sent are necessary and wanted their remarks thereon: enclosed as also Account of what they want in future which will save much money.

18. Can make near as good Powder for 25^{s} a Barrell as the 50 Barrells received which cost £ 5: s 5: d 0: each; desire one or two good Powder makers who might be entertained Officers in the Millitary also an Engineer who is much wanted.

19. They use all immaginable good husbandry to Prevent Charge.

20. Shall observe Orders about Investments to buy goods cheap and good, the Competition of the Companys ceasing will contribute thereto; have in November last made a Contract at St. Davids at 12 per cent abatement which is somewhat Cheaper than was before the Contest and will still decline if Grain be not dear.

21. Best to sell Europe Goods Cheap that the Retailer may be encouraged to Carry them into the Country and thereby encrease their Consumption. Best to buy India Goods of Joynt Stock Merchants by Contract if they are substantiall; to buy of any one that comes what sortment can be expected bad Debts will also increase: it is found goods bought by the Company come out Cheaper than those bought by Private Persons who always give out money before hand.

22. Know of no sorts of goods fitt for Europe but what have been sent; if any Presents shall send musters; best to be making Investments all the year round or goods will be dearer and worse.

23. Shall advise of the Generall Trade of India Carryd on by other Nations. The Danes have generally sent one Ship a year for Petre, Pepper and Ordinary Goods which does not bear the Charge of Trincombar. Dutch have lately bought great quantitys of Course and fine goods but will send but little this year home.

24. Longcloth and Sallampores being Dear on the Coast the Dutch have made Investments near the Attinga Country: the President wrote to Mr. Braborne for procuring ten Bales to see how they Answer.

25. French Invest but little this year: have many more Europeans in their Garrison than the Company have in both and Sloops to attend them.

26. Nothing can more promote the Companys Interest then to Employ the best quallifyed Servants.

27. Nothing can prevent the Moors insults like a Visible Strength: they little regard the Union.

28. The Men of War will be wellcome at Suratt where there are great troubles.

29. Have not the Names of Severall who are come out as free Merchants nor the Regulations mentioned.

30. Orders about Deceased Persons Estates shall be observed.

31. Shall take care to hinder the English leaving the Ships or serving the Natives: it would be well if no English were Suffered to Sail in any Ship but what belonged to the Nation.

32. Shall observe orders about Contracting for goods and send Musters and the Warehousekeeper Charged to tell the threads—Natives not to be trusted: Goods shall be well Pack'd and Sorted.

33. Shall pay Sallarys as ordered and give Bills for moneys Paid into Cash.

34. None shall make use of the Companys Cash or Goods: beleive it will not be attempted.

35. China Ships its feared have lost their Passage—Sidney not expected till December: shall see the Supra Cargo's give just Account and comply with their Covenants, have wrote to the Bay for Petre, how must She be dispatcht for the

Tavistock; will have carried away all the Stock and no leave granted to take money at Interest; however hope to give her a quick dispatch.

36. Shall Examine whither the Sydney brings her full Tonnage and See none brings more Tonnage than allowd. Shall give Bills for what paid into Cash and demand the freight of Mr. Wrights Gold.

37. The Encouragement allow'd for freedom of Trade is no other than formerly Practiced and will be continued: hope none Complain to the Contrary but dont understand the words without Preferrence or Preemption: its hard if any in the Service offer as much for Bullion &c^{a}: as others: they Should not have the Preferrence when night and day they Studdy the Companys Interest and others care not what becomes of it.

38. Ruby Brokeridge Collected as it always has been viz^{t}: on the Sale Armenians generally drive that trade who will Pay nothing if they can help it the Custom if paid at Landing which might be Private would yield 4 times what it doth.

39. Shall observe Orders and not deliver money to the Joynt Stock Merchants but buy Goods as directed: an Essay made 9th September as per note enclosed but it did not answer: could never hitherto get Merchants to provide Goods without money before hand: these orders may do for small but never will for large Investments.

40. Have of late Planted trees for fewell and are much Improved in their Gardning.

41. Either Companys Goods shall be laden on the Tavistock if not Prejudiciall.

42. The President and Council thankfull for their entertainment in the Service and Promise their best Services: Mr. Roberts Deputy Governour of S^{t}: Davids (by Mr. John Pitts Death) and with the 2^{d}: at Madrass have Sallary as formerly; S^{t}: Davids again subordinate: New Companys Writers shall have £20 per annum till Expiration of Covenants and then return to old Establishment.

43. Mr. Robert Raworth has the Sallary and Station of a Merchant is receiver of the Sea Customs.

44. Mr. Thomas Cooke will Continue at the Fort is Commended.

45. Shall Employ the New Companys Servants as they come according to Standing and meritt.

46. Reason for not withdrawing Vizagapatam thô there never was 30,000 pagodas a year invested it Produces Ordinary Longcloth, Sallampores, Bettelles and Plenty of Rice: Shall as often have Pressed them to be very frugall at Metchlapatam and Madapollam: no need of more than one or two Factors or Writers unless make Investments. Chay Goods keep up but all white goods Considerably fallen.

47. Have Cleared the Old Companys Accounts and withdrawn their People from Metchlepatam. Mr. Tillard not being able to Come away have given him possession of Metchlepatam and Madapollam Factorys and offerd him any Assistance he wants.

48. Mr. Landen the Minister is come to Madrass and will go to St. Davids when well; Mr. Gray the Surgeon quitted the Service: hear nothing of Cox the Trumpeter nor any of the Soldiers.

49. Desire orders to pull down one of the Madapollam Factorys and bring the timbers to Madrass.

50. Have endeavourd to prevent any Ships going to Mauritius because of the Hazard.

51. Mr. Oglethorp has the £200 &c^{a}. Sent him.

52. Have orderd all entertained by the Company to procure Security in England.

53. Have the Letter of the 24th March advising the Arrivall of ships at Barbadoes: Sorry the Bedford is not among them.

54. Concerning the Seizure of the Ship Diamond at Juddah Thankfull for the Hopes the Company give of Recovering Satisfaction therein.

55. Having answerd the Letters by the Tavistock shall advise of occurrences happening since 13th February.

56. The Governour of Pullamullees Servant having Seized the Companys 3 townes by the Duans order its Copy enclosed; the President Seized the Fellows and kept them some Dayes in Irons and then dismisst them.

57. The Inhabitants of the Black town fearing Doud Caune would Ravage them desired the President and Council would Wall the town round and they would repay the Charge when it was done; they trifled and would not Pay till some of their heads were Confined and then they Raised 6000 Pagodas. Copy of a Scandalous Paper dropt on that occasion is enclosed which must be done by some Englishman in the Companys Service to stirr up a commotion.

58. Copy of what wrote Mr. John Pitt as Cover to the Managers Letter Sent.

59. London returnd from Persia 22th May and Saild to Bengall.

60. Mr. John Pitt dyed in May last; Copy of the Condolatory Letter to Mr. Tillard Enclosed.

61. The 31th May the Pembrook Friggot returnd from her Voyage to Delagoa having been rifled by the Pyrates and her Comander taken out to be their Pylot to the Streights of Mallacca the Supra Cargos Narrative of it enclosed; the News of it stopt a Ship going to Canton, a 2^{d}. to Tonqueen, a 3^{d}. to Manhilla and a fourth to Siam to the Disappointment of the Madrass Merchants and Lessening the Companys Customs.

62. Letters from Vizagapatam advising a fear of trouble from the Nabob; in June sent them ammunition and 18 soldiers.

63. The Union Captain Goodsole Saild for China the 9th July where she is Arrived.

64. The 17th July Captain Wyatt dyed in Debt.

65. Colchester arrived from Persia 17th of August, the 29th Saild for the Bay.

66. Mr. Edmund Bugden lately sent to the West Coast was Orderd to Bentall in the room of Mr. Eyton who is an Experienced man; whereupon they wrote as in a Letter Number 43.

67. The Wine Lycence being unfarmd for two years is now lett for 225 Pagodas a year from 25th September.

68. Sloop Expedition sent to the West Coast 13th October with 250 Baggs Petre and Stores.

69. The 15th November received a letter from the Governour of Trepossore on Account of the townes; Copy whereof and the Answer Enclosed; have sent no Vacqueel because it would have Created a Charge: Same day received advice from Mr. Tillard of the Pyrates taking two Mocha Ships of Suratt and Bombay on which fearing troubles orderd the killing Provisions &c^{a}. for the Garrison and walling in the Choultry at Egmore.

70. The begining of December by Anjengo Letters heard the Pyrates lay near Cocheen where they took a Madrass Ship and Plunderd another of 600 Pagodas value in Sugar &c^{a}. and put Captain Weoley a Shore, Copy of whose Letter to Mr. Brabourne is Enclosed.

71. Have Letters from Mr. Dolben of the 8th March 1703 advising his troubles at Amoy by trusting Anqua which detain'd him all the year.

72. Letters directed to Mr. John Pitt President of Metchlepatam were sent to Mr. Tillard; one to him as Governour of St. Davids opend.

73. Mr. Empsons Accounts as Sea Customer Cleard and is Settling his Affairs to go 2d. to St Davids.

74. Mr. John Pitt and Mr. Du Bois being Dead Mr. Meverell put into the Council to supply a Vacancy and a Place reserved for Mr. Frederick.

75. The French Ships brought from the Canaries a Patriarch and 12 Italian Priests sent as is said to inspect the Jesuits in China, one of them came by leave to Madrass with a Letter from the Patriarch, its Copy and the Governours Answer enclosed; and after some dayes had a Power from the Patriarch to be Vicar over the Popish Priests and Layety which he was not sufferd to exercise as per Consultations 22th December and 24th January.

76. Six oz. 8 dwts. wanting in the 2 Chests of Gold per Tavistock as per the weight of each Parcell Enclosed: shall send the Coynage when finisht.

77. The Silver Plates &ca. per Tavistock sold at $15\frac{3}{4}$ Dollars per Ten Pagodas.

78. Cotton being cheaper to the Southward have orderd an Investment at St. Davids in the manner orderd without giving out money and that musters be sent of the sorts.

79. In the Letter of the 5th November advised of the French Ships arrivall at Pollicherry 18th Instant they returnd with the Canterbury taken in the Streights of Mallacca the Chamber Friggot narrowly escaped. Copy of Captain Kingsfords Letter enclosed: most of her Cargo shipt for France.

80. Refer to the Copys of Letters to and from Madrass and Bengall for an Account of what Passed about Mr. Woolstone and who are the [1] Boutefeus that disturb the Publick Tranquility.

THE 12TH FEBRUARY 1703-04.

81. Mr. Thomas Wigmore has given Security to the Managers in Madrass as per enclosed Copy of his Bond.

82. Mr. Ellis being so sick send now only Journall from 22th July to 1st May: will send Generall Books per next.

83. Inventory of Fort St. George Dead Stock sent with remarks thereon; also Inventory of the old and New Dead Stock at Metchlepatam and Madapollam: have received none from St. Davids or Vizagapatam, nor yet their Journalls for which must reprimand them; shall send Books from all Places by the next to 1st may 1704.

84. The 2d Instant the two French Ships saild home from Pollicherry with most of the Canterburys Cargo and 100 Bales Coast Goods.

85. Enclosed comes Letter from the Deputy Governour and Council at St. Davids the Deputy Governour there and 2d at Madrass: Sallary shall be as formerly notwithstanding what Mr. Roberts writes.

86. The Farms of Beetle, Tobacco, Ganjee and Arrack expired 15th December the Farmers much in Arrears having encouraged the Planting Beetle Gardens, 5 or 6 being in Perfection which the leaves being small pay but half Custome the Farmers Complain of the Gardens and desire Abatement; shall adjust all when the ships are gone: it will be difficult to keep up the Farms as formerly lett and fear must take them into the Companys hands.

87. The Stretham arrived the 10th Instant Captain Myers Dead also the Marlborough from Amoy, they Called at Mallacca the Chambers was Saild with the Dutch: Shee threw overboard great part of her Cargo to facilitate her escape.

88. Referr to Mr. Brewster and Daniel for Account of ships at Batavia.

89. Copy of Captain Weoleys Narrative about the Pyrates at Mayotta sent.

[1] An obsolete term of French origin, meaning incendiaries.—*Webster's Dictionary.*

90. The Government seems resolved to take away the Three Townes : Nabob Doud Caun marching with his Army towards St. Davids was presented with 2 or 300 Pagodas by one of the Council according to orders from Madrass which Prevented further trouble.

91. Hear the Army is drawing towards Madrass.

92. Want only soldiers at Fort St. George and St. Davids: many of the soldiers clamour to go home.

93. Must send down People to take care of Metchlepatam Factoys: Mr. Tillard refusing as per his Letter.

94. Fine Paintings sent by the Colchester, that art is brought to Perfection ; great pitty it should be lost which it will if the People are not constantly employed and so will the Washermen too, touching which desire orders.

95. Account of coynage sent of the Gold per Tavistock Ingott No. 30 over Standard which have noted in the Account, four of the Ingotts proved eager.

96. Have detained the physick Chest by the Tavistock thô directed to the Bay, the Dr. complains of the ill Package of Physick Chests and that the list of what is wanted and wrote for is not observed new list of ditto now sent.

97. Captain Phrip and family go home on the Colchester: he deserves the Companys favour.

98. Great Complaints of the 26 Pagodos per head Permission money paid there and the High freight for Liquors sent the Factors from England for their own drinking which many times is spoilt and lost too in the voyage.

99. Shall Speedily dispatch the Tavistock to the Bay and Provide her Cargo Against September she returns.

100. The Canterbury bought by some Merchants of Madrass ; her men Cleard and well used and most of them entertained in the Colchester Tavistock and Stretham: none would turn Soldiers.

Signed by
THOMAS PITT
WM. FRASER
THOS. WRIGHT
THO^{s}. MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERALL.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 14, 1704. RECEIVED PER COLCHESTER, OCTOBER 10, 1704. [*O.C., Vol.* 59, *No.* 8251. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE} THE DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE} ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY,

HON$^{'BLE}$ SIRS,

This is only to accompany the severall Packets we have received for you from sundry Places which are all put in a Box apart as per List Inclosed, and if we can be any wayes serviceable to you in your Affaires in these parts. We are alwayes ready to obey your Commands as being,

Hon^{ble} Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble Servants,
THO. PITT
WILL. FRASER
THOM^{s}. MARSHALL
JOHN MEVERELL.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1704–1705.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 15, 1704. RECEIVED VIA HAMBURGH AUGUST 4, 1705. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 18. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. This comes by a Danes Ship ready to depart from Trincombar the Companys Ships not like to be dispatcht till January: have advised to the Bay of a French Ship arriving at Pollicherry in June. 4 More expected of which 2 large Men of War 8 St. Malloes Ships are reported to be come or coming.

2. Have received the General Letter of 26th January and Copy of another dated the 6th ditto per Martha: She arrived 28th July, the Neptune lost running ashore on Cape Comorine 21st June, one Man drown'd, fear none of the Treasure will be saved. Mr. Braborn will do what Possible: shall speedily send 2 vessels of the New Company's from Metchlepatam to the wreck with necessarys: have wrote to Bengall for their biggest Sloop to send also to the wreck to save what Possible.

3. Martha lost her Mainmast near the Cape: came so weak into the Road could not bring her to an Anchor loosing 40 Marriners and most of the Soldiers in the Passage: She saild for Bengall the 2^{d} Instant with Lascarrs.

4. Bullion &c^{a}: per Martha received as per Invoice.

5. The Colchester departed Madrass the 15th February, 27th Ditto arrived the Chambers: She left 57057 Tale in China and threw overboard 10,000 more to escape the French.

6. Mr. Francis Ellis Dyed 7th March, 8th Ditto the Tavistock Saild for the Bay with 10,000*l* in Gold. Mr. Robert Raworth taken into Council and a Vacancy left for Mr. Martin.

7. The Queen arrived from Bencoolen 30th April: Bills drawn from thence for 56,782 Dollars 2: 1, which returnd protested (not knowing on what account Drawn) by the Hughly Anna Ketch who Saild thither 30th June with Petre and Stores.

8. Have lett the Queen on freight to China for 8,000 Pagodas. Mr. Marshall gone Supra Cargo, hear the Anna was returning to Bencoolen having a probability to get Pepper at Benjar: Mr. Shaw Dead, Mr. Watts Sick at Bencoolen.

9. Scipio calld in at Madrass the 12th July: is gone to the Bay with the Rising Sun, a Seperate Stock Ship.

10. Mr. Empson laid down the Service because would not go to St. Davids.

11. Last letters from Suratt of 31th May advise the two Men of Warr were arrived the Captains and many Men Dead: had done nothing against the Pyrates, Josia also arrived, the Abingdon is at Carwar, her Captain and 1st Mate Dead and Confusion amongst the Mariners.

12. Letters from the Bay of 19th May advise had loaded the Dutchess with Petre and Stores for Madrass in March Coming out was forced by storms to return which occasion'd Protests between the Council and Captain.

13. Have Packetts from the Bay and Suratt which shall forward by the Ships.

14. By Letters from Sir John Gayer and Sir Nicholas Waite and Councils understand there are Contests who shall be Generall Sir Nicholas Sticks at nothing to make himself the man.

15. Have not as yet succeeded in the manner of Investment now directed: believe the goods will be something cheaper: have brought the Merchants at St.

Davids to abate 12 per cent round on all goods: fear cant secure the quantities needfull for the Tonnage.

Signed by
THOMAS PITT
WM: FRASER
THOS: WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO: FREDERICK
ROBT: RAWORTH.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 19, 1704. RECEIVED VIA HAMBURGH AUGUST 4, 1705. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 18. (*India Office transcript*).]

Wrote the Needfull the 15th instant via Trincombar last night receiving Letters from Sir Nicholas Waite and Council; have sent Copy thereof with the accompanying paper but keep the Packett to send by the Ships.

Signed by
THOS: PITT
WM: FRASER
THOS: WRIGHT
ROBT: RAWORTH.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 15TH & FEBRUARY 14/15, 1705. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS NOVEMBER 13, 1705. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 38. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was of the 15th and 19th September via Trincombar as per Copys Enclosed.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPPING COME OUT OR RETURN'D.

2. Observe the number of Ships sent out.

3. Kent &c[a]: China Ships arrived Batavia in June: the Donnegall was at Bombay in November: Loyall Merchant and Dover was at the West Coast: Westmoreland was at Mauritius having lost her Masts not since heard of.

4. They always have and shall be carefull to prevent the Ships lying on Demorage.

5. Know of no Persons residing with them but what have licence so to do, sometimes a Sayler runs away and Presently comes into the Company's Service.

6. The Chambers Saild for the Bay 26th April and returnd to them the 7th Instant with 2,000 Bags of the Managers Petre on freight.

7. The Hughly Anna Ketch arrived 6th April from the Bay with Petre and Stores being invoyced very dear. She was by Outcry bought for 2065 Pagodas and Saild 30th June for the West Coast with Petre, Redwood and Stores.

8. The Stretham carryed some freight goods from St. Davids for Atcheen: have heard she was at Mallacca.

9. Referr to their Consultation of 16th May for the advice given Mr. Brewsert &c[a]. about going to Amoy or Canton.

10. Queen lett on freight to China and Persia 960 Dollars, advanced the Captain on Charterparty as per Consultations.

11. They opend the Scipio's Packett to see if any letters for them.

12. The Dutchess arrived from the Bay 24th November with 2,000 Baggs Petre and rice and Stores laden since March last; had dispatcht her presently but wanted the Petre which did not arrive till the 7th instant.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

13. Accompt of sales of the woollen goods inclosed referr to the Consultations about it, 17th Bales sold at Vizagapatam at 10 per Cent on invoyce.

14. Upon expectation of a considerable quantity of woollen goods have sold all they had: hope to Sell the next but at little proffitt.

15. Shall take care of it in the Warehouse, the little damage per Martha the the Captain Paid: the Moth had taken it a little only to be remedyed by the care in Dressing and Packing it.

16. Great difference in the Goodness but little in the Prices of the Cloth, Greens and Reds only in demand: List of what Vendible inclosed.

17. Wish the Wine intended them had been their only loss; five of the twelve Puncheons of beere Sower.

18. Believe there was no more Bullion or goods brought to the Fort on the Martha than in the Licence.

19. Silver was under Sixteen Dollars for Ten Pagodas before the Martha arrived: offers hers at $16\frac{1}{2}$ to be coyned in the Mint and if not at $16\frac{1}{4}$ but none bought it that rate sold 15 Chests to coyn into Rupees on the 5th October: sold the rest at 17 Dollars $\frac{1}{8}$ as per Consultation which hear they cant sell.

20. One Bale Cloth rashes red No. 33: 1. Bale Broad Cloth Ordinary Green received by the Martha, more than Invoyced.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

21. Shall load the Petre on Ships as ordered if receive it from the Bay.

22. Have followed orders about Investments and endeavourd to reduce the Prices of goods but the Dutch, French and Danes buy; as well as they however wish may Purchase goods so as to turn to proffitt.

23. Sent to China price currant of goods on the Coast which are but low: wish they make returns in Gold.

24. The Barreness of the Soyl and heat of the Clymate hinderd their endeavours to raise silk worms.

25. Could not till July after the Tavistock's arrivall prevail with any to bring in Cloth as the Company direct but then two of the richest Merchants agreed for Longcloth ordinary at 31 Pagodas per Corge but would not be obliged to a quantity and told them in Consultation unless they prohibited others making the like sorts of goods they would not proceed which they were forced to Comply with as per Consultation 10th August wherein are the Particulars of the quantities and qualities of goods to be provided amounting to about 1,00,000 Pagodas: Ordered the same Value at St. Davids.

26. They bought some goods of Comrapan Chittee all 3 Persons goods noted in the Invoyce; others were encouraged to Sell, referr to Consultation 1st August wherein exceeded the Company's orders; the like difficulty at St. Davids of making the Merchants comply who love to have money beforehand: fear if make large Investments this way may be disappointed.

27. Sent to Vizagapatam 10,000 Pagodas and some broad Cloth to be invested in longcloth and Sallampores but could not follow the Companys method yet have made the Investment.

28. They sent 10,000 Pagodos to Metchlepatam to invest as per Consultation of 10th and 15th August Pag^{s} : 7,545 : 14 : 5 Invested there at 25 per Cent Cheaper than formerly.

29. Pegu Sticklack being 20 pagodos per Candy have mett with none.

FOURTHLY TOUCHING THE TRADE OF INDIA WITH THE TRANSACTIONS OF THE GOVERNMENT.

30. Messrs. Griffith and Bugden gone to settle at Atcheen: the Governor wrote a letter to the King of Atcheen and gave them suitable Instructions which are Enterd in Consultation 12th April: they went on the Stretham: desire the Company's directions therein.

31. Refer to Consultations for Account of the Moor's threats to take away the Company's towns and what wrote about that affair, but finding the English resolved to defend them the Moors gave over.

32. Account of trouble occasioned to them by an Armenian who being sued to make up his Accounts with another fled to St. Thoma where the Governour ill treated his Prosecutor to make him bring his Papers and money from Madras thither; at last the Governour being threatned cleard the Prosecutor but protects the other whome they will punish if they gett him.

33. Kitte Narrain's Sloop under the English Pass being Seized in Mangamau's Countrey they Stopt the Boats of that Countrey at Madrass and gott restitution, and Served the King of Tanjore in the same manner; no other way will do to preserve the English honour, Interest and Peace.

34. A quarrell happening between the Portugeez and Moore Governour of St. Thoma wherein some were killd the Portugeeze fled to Madrass and were protected and in a month's time returnd back.

FIFTHLY AS TO YOUR FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

35. Shall not put the Company to any unnecessary Charge: the Platform at the Sea Gate was necessary: so is the Brick Wall round the Towne which will be compleated in the Summer: the People were made to raise a tax to Pay the Charge, the inequality therein occasioned murmuring among them: 24th February Mr. Frazer &c^{a}: were appointed to examine the matter and make report that so the Rest of the money might be collected but it is not yet made but promised it shall speedily.

36. The Stewards &c^{a}: expence books sent yearly are as frugall as any other Factory.

37. They are at great Charge in live Provisions and Salted Pork to be ready if Besieged as threatned when they have no further occasion for the Pork they dispose of it which reimburses that Charge: are making improvements for the keeping live Cattle.

38. The 24th February they put up the Beetle Tobacco and Arrack Farms to lett but none offering to take them the present Farmers being in arrear and unwilling to hold them longer, fearing troubles and the Planting Beetle Gardens diminishing the Revenue the 13th April would not hold them unless at 6,000 Pagodos a year on which ordered Mr. Frewen to take the Charge of Collecting them: they then agreed for another year at 7,000 Pagodos to pay the Rent monthly which they do without disturbance which is more worth than the 1,000 Pagodos they gett but little by it: are of opinion this ought not to be raised higher, it lying on the Working People; arrack Farm lett 11th March at 3,600 Pagodos a year for 5 years: hope the arrears will soon be clear'd: 8th August lett the Towns to Kittee Narrain for 1,300 Pagodos a year for Seaven years on the terms in Consultation: 28th September lett the Wine Lycence for 441 Pagodos a year for 2 years: refer to Consultation for their opinion thereupon.

39. Refer to Consultation of 29th February why did not take custom on the Company's goods landed out of the Stretham: List of them Enclosed.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS OFFICERS & SOLDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

40. Mr. Anthony Ettrick a Factor, his Security Bond returnd.

41. Shall treat the Loyall Cook's Supra Cargos as directed.

42. Mr. Mollineux arrived on the Martha and does well.

43. Mr. Berlue will be as serviceable in the Millitary as Merchant's business: Shall Offer him the same if he quits the latter.

44. Mr. Oglethorp gone to China on the Stretham. Mr. Martin's Place in Council is reserved: is expected from China in May.

45. Mr. Charles Bugden at his request dismist the Company's Service as per Consultation 24th February.

46. Mr. Raworth one of the Council as per Consultation 10th and 30th March.

47. Have allow'd the Secretary some Fees as per Consultation which hope will approve for his encouragement.

48. Mr. Charles Lockyer discharged 13th April at his desire and went on the Stretham for China.

49. Mr. Marshall gone for China having layd down the Service the 20th June.

50. Mr. Empson quitted the Service the 23th August rather than go to St. Davids.

51. Thomas Grandy the Armourer dyed last year, highly Commended; 65 Pag^{s}: 22 fan^{s}: of his paid into the Cash, desire may be paid his relations.

52. The 5th October Mr. Farmer made of Council at St. Davids.

53. Mr. Mathew Meade dyed the 22th November Intestate, his Effects orderd to be paid into Cash which may be about two thousand Pagodas, his wife at Madrass and Child in England, they should have his Estate but it is deferred till hear from England whether he is indebted there.

SEVENTHLY AS TO SUBORDINATIONS, &^{ca}.

54. The new Nabob come to settle near Vizagapatam demanded his Present, they gott off for 3,790 Rupees which was Effected by Mr. Holcomb's good Management.

55. Mr. Tiller refusing to take care of the Dead Stock at Metchlepatam, 10th August hired Mr. Thomas Faucet at 14 Pagodas for dyet and Sallary to be there, the Company to be at no Charge but Two or Three Peons, his Instructions Enterd in the Consultation Book 15th August; he looks after the Company's Concerns well; a New Duan Presses him for a Present: they desire to pull down Madapollam old Factory.

EIGHTLY TOUCHING AFFAIRS AT THE WEST COAST.

56. By the Danes Ship advised the West Coast had drawn on the Fort Bills to a great amount which they refused to accept by the Hughly Anna Ketch they advice were for Accounts of the United Company as per Letter No. 120 wherein they say the United Company is Debtor to the Old Company 70,000 Dollars which not being able to remitt in Pepper sent in Bills but these Bills are Payable to Particular Persons: have wrote to them to unriddle their meaning.

57. Sent them Copys of what wrote by the Managers to the Fort by the Tavistock about Bencoolen: they refuse to send duplicates of their Letters to the Company or adjust Accounts with the Fort which referr to the Manager's consideration.

58. Have agreed to pay the Bills as per Consultation 27th November, also 4,379 : 2 drawn by the St. George Ketch.

59. Shall send them to Candy for Copper Cash and a Chest of Silver in fanams Coynd ; referr to their Severall Letters to and from the West Coast since the independancy.

NINTHLY ABOUT POLLI CONDORE.

60. Mr. Dolbin touch'd there and had a Letter from the Deputy Governour : Supply'd them by the Stretham as per Invoyce and wrote them which hope will be approved.

TENTHLY TOUCHING THE NEPTUNE'S WRECK.

61. The Neptune being lost as they heard 29th July wrote to the Bay for a Sloop to send to recover it and to Metchlepatam for 2 small Vessells and the Governour got men and Stores ready for them : the Rising Sun Smack arrived from the Bay 23th November with Petre, &c., and on the 27th the 2 Vessells from Metchlepatam laden with the New Company's goods and some Dead Stock, 4th December they were dispatcht on their Voyage : Particulars of the Charge and orders comes apart : refer to Letters from Anjengo and Answers thereto thô the loss of the Neptune was advised to Bombay and the Abingdon and Josia was at Callicutt, neither of them took any care about it.

ELEVENTH NEWS RELATING TO THE FRENCH.

62. Sent a Sloop to Mallacca with Mr. Deane to advise the China Ships of the Frenches being on the Coast, papers relating to that affair come apart.

63. The French Ship arrived Pollicherry in July, Saild in October to the Malabar Coast to a Madrass Ketch bound to Suratt carrying her to Callicutt where the Master redeem'd her for half Value : was at first worth 7,000 Pagodos : there in November mett four French ships Two 50 and 60 Gun Ships, the other Merchant Ships near as bigg ; they touch'd at Johanna and bound for Suratt but hearing Seaven Dutch Ships &c^{a} were at Bombay : returnd back and off Bombay : took the Broakers Ships Laden with Pepper and afterwards two Portugueze Friggotts 3^{d}. instant ; they were off St. Davids with a 50 Gunn Dutch Prize from Bengall vastly Rich.

TWELFTH CONCERNING THE NEW COMPANY.

64. Mr. Tillard their President arrived Madrass 14th October : Copy of his desire 14th December and their Answer enclosed ; also Copy of the New Companys Merchants Petition and his Answer.

THIRTEENTH CONCERNING SEPERATE STOCK SHIPS.

65. The Rising Sunn arrived 22th July, Saild for Bengall 11th August Copy of the Ships Licence Signed by Mr. Gardner Enclosed the Ship did not trade for half that amount nor did the Marlborough who was at the Fort Last year from China is gone back and daily expected.

66. Horsham and Anne arrived 4th November at Anjengo bound for Suratt.

THE 14TH FEBRUARY 1704–5.

1. Marlbrough arrived 17th January from Amoy Hern &c^{a}. Ships there and Complain of hard usage. Marlbrô makes 17th per Cent on Gold and would much less on goods Kent &c^{a}. at Canton.

2. Bills drawn for 1,300 Pagodos Payable to the Bishop of Bangor and 700 Pagodos to Sir Salath^{l}. Lovell.

3. The 29th January Captain Sinclair Dyed Mr. Gabriel Poirier in his room a good Officer.

4. Referr to Consultation of the 5th and 9th instant touching payment of part of the New Company's Debt at 10^{s}. & 6d. a Pagoda as Mr. Tillard proposed by Bills.

5. Captain Frankland's Letter in Commendation of Condore enclosed if continued seaven years under good management: beleive it would turn to account to the Company being proper for the China trade and in Peace for the Manilha Trade.

6. On taking the Dutch Ship the French and Dutch agreed for a cessation of Arms from Ceilon to Point Palmeras 60 fathom into the Sea which the Dutch already ridicule; the French jealous the Dutch will besiege Pollicherry; good Supplys of Soldiers necessary for St. Davids and Fort St. George or the French may take Fort St. Davids: have wrote thither to keep a good looking out; having 1,200 Bales ready the 4 French Ships Saild for France the 10th instant, leaving in the Road the Dutch a small Europe Ship and 2 Sloops.

7. The Generall Books now sent were done in a hurry: Shall rectifye errors if any and adjust Accounts with the subordinate Factorys by the next Books to be sent in September and Copys in January during the Warr.

8. Account of what received short from the Martha.

9. Account how the Martha narrowly escaped being taken off Pollicherry: necessary all Ships call at Negapatam or Trincombar for News.

10. The Rice by the Dutchess damaged by the Weevle lying so long on board and wanted 10 per Cent measure.

11. If Martha and Sidney were arriv'd could dispatch them both home.

12. Invoyce of the Dutchess 58,517 Pagodos with Bill Lading enclosed, Duplicate of which and this Letter comes by the Chambers: Copys Sent by the Marlbrough.

13. Loyall Merchant arrived from York fort left the Dover: they are in great want of money: have drawn Bills for 60,855: 3. the United Company owe the Old more they Say will be due.

14. Shall send to Bencoolen with the Copper Cash Fanams and Proper goods Speedily.

15. Have for four years encouraged all Persons that would to go to Bencoolen with their famillys and wrote to the Bay &c^{a}. to do the like 2 Padres sent thither.

16. Shall till further orders help them with Supplys so as not to Prejudice their Investments on the Coast but if Orderd to pay all their Bills must lay aside investing; they had reason for reflecting on their former Management.

17. Referr to Consultation for what they did to deceive the French who continued on the Coast as was Supposed to wait for the Companys Ships the Commanders Present the 25th January.

Signed by
THOMAS PITT
WM. FRASER
THO^{S}. WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO^{S}. FREDERICK
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

THE 15TH FEBRUARY 1704–5.

RECEIVED UT SUPRA.

This day arrived the Sidney from China the Supra Cargos Invoyce and Books come on the Dutchess: they broght but little Gold and on the Goods little will be gott: they left Canton 17th December in company with the Stretham and Queen:

Captain Harrison proceeded well in the Kent's Investment, the Mountague they mett at Mallacca. The Herne was going for Canton, the Loyall Cook would be dispatcht late the Ships for Suratt like to loose their Passage Gold and all Goods Dear in China shall dispatch the Sidney to fill up at Fort St. Davids loading her Petre at Madrass, the Loyall Merchant to go with her to St. Davids and bring up the Remains there to the Fort and thence send her to the Bay for Petre and so return her to Bencoolen.

Signed by
THOMAS PITT
WM. FRASER
THO^{S}. WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO^{S}. FREDERICK
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

1. Last night received Sir Nicholas Wait's Packett to the Managers which with Copy of a Letter from Bombay and another from Anjengo are enclosed: the Vessells sent from Madrass come too late to save the Neptune's Wreck of which the Natives have got up 30 Chests Silver: no vessells sent from Bombay nor were the Ships sent from Callicutt tho near to that wreck.

2. The Westmoreland arrived Anjengo the begining of January, the Rains hinderd their Carrying any goods ashore to dry.

Signed by
THOMAS PITT
WILL^{M}. FRASER
THO^{S}. WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO^{S}. FREDERICK
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM FRASER, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO SIR JAMES BATEMAN, ETC. JANUARY 31, 1705. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS, NOVEMBER 13, 1705. [*O.C., Vol.* 60, *No.* 8319. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE R^{T}. WO$^{RP LL}$. SIR JAMES BATEMAN K^{T}. &C^{A}.

HONOURED GENTLEMEN.

Sirs,

On the 29th July last I had sent me ashore by Captain Goodman from on board the Martha, your Joynt Letter dated the 10th January 1703 by which you were pleased to Honour me with your good opinion in a matter of so great trust and Secrecy as is therein contained. As to the previous part of said letter relating to the happy Union of both Companies, the settled constitution of your Affairs in all your Severall Factories in India, the Election of your Servants, to as near an equality as the circumstances of the times could admit, needs no other answere in this place but my thankfull acknowledgment for your speciall favour and kindness by appointing me a station in the United Companies service and at the time when I was resolved home by the Collchester before whose departure on the 15th Feb^{RY}: last your orders by the Tavistock on the 14th December 1703 arriv'd here, when I thought it might not become me to slight so great a favour as it would be construed, should I continue my former resolution for England.

Haveing premis'd thus much I shall now impartially give answere (as much as I know) to the more matterial part of your letter, in order to which and the better to set things in a true light I crave leave to use a method so plain, as that nothing may seeme ambiguous thô some things more aboute.

It was in the year 1686 that the Old Company sent out their positive Orders for the withdrawing those Factories of Pettipolle, Metchlepatam, and Maddapollam, by reason of the great expense and charge of those Settlements, the dearness of all or most of their goods, especially their Chay or Coloured Sorts, which sold to loss in England, made the Company weary is their own words, of continuing those Factories any longer, and accordingly the next year following they were all withdrawen and disserted till the year 1698 that the present President Pitt arriv'd here with orders to provide some quantities of those Country goods, then much inquired for in England, and therefore Mr. Lovell and Mr. Woolston entertain'd in the service for that purpose were sent hence to those parts in August –98 with the Commission of 5 per cent equally between them, on all the money they should invest for and in consideration of all charges, Presents to the Country Government, and their correspondency by Letters thence hither only excepted, thus they proceeded fully instructed, carrying with them the old Musters of all the several Sortes of goods they were to provide and the generall Books of accounts of those Factories, the better to guide and direct them in the price of all the severall species of white and Chay goods, Nurran the Dubash going along with them, to begin them in the way of their business with the old Merchants of Metchlepatam and to be present at the makeing of the Contract; thus far the Old Company had the advantage of the New in point of time and price of goods, till Consul Pitt arriv'd there in your Service aboute the latter end of July or beginning of August in the year 1699; but we had the news here in the February; before that a new English East India Company were settled by Act of Parliament, which made us here with all Secrecy and celerity inlarge our Investments in all places to anticipate and prevent the New Company in their Affairs so that Messrs. Lovel and Woolstone had from time to time consigned them upwards of Pagodas 80,000 dureing the 17 months they stayed there, till we changed hands, but when Consul Pitt arrived, then it was that he and the Council were necessitated to agree the price and rates of goods with their Merchants as well as they could, the Natives being quick sighted enough to make their best advantage when they perceived two different interests in competition for the Calico trade, which as I can understand as they were the first, so they were the dearest in their kind, of all the goods that were sent home at any time from that place by reason the Old Companies Merchants being preingaged were obliged to the performance of their Contract, Signed and seal'd interchangeably as to the price, quantity and quality of goods they had agreed to, which when done many of the Merchants fell off from the Old Company to the Interest of the New. Much aboute this time 'tis said your Consul (by means of Mr. Woolstone) had brought him into your Factory, the Old Company's Books of Accounts with all their old Musters of goods, by which the Consul made new ones and agreed their price, lengthes and breadthes as mentioned and writen on each several muster, now remaining and to be seen at Metchlepatam, which induces me to believe they are the same as Invoiced home to England, but whether those new Musters were as good in their severall species as those of the Old Companies or a missortement of your goods through want of skill in your new servants, or otherwise or the procureing so much goods upon the Credit of the new Companies common Seal, at the time the Old Company made prompt payment for all the goods they bought, or their zeal for their master's Interest necessitated them (as aforesaid) to take such goods as they could get or procure, rather then returne your shipps home dead freighted, were the concurring causes of the difference of the Old Companies goods, being so much better than those of the same kind sent to the New Company, are matters in which I shall not presume to interpose my own opinion where circumstances may alter the Case, but humbly referr it as a judicial point to your own more wise and prudent consideration. As to the prices I find those of the Old and New Companies to be much at one with noe great difference excepting those first sent home by the De Grave, and tho Narran has procured severall of those sortes of goods that remained at Metchlepatam much cheaper than either of the two Companies did before, when there, yet I have just cause to believe that were the

like opposite Interests set up again in those parts the price of all sortes of goods propper for England would revert to their former dearness especially the Chay or Coloured Sortes. And since you are pleased to desire my own thoughts upon the matter I shall humbly offer them without any other designe than to aime at truth and matter of fact as they came to my knowledge. In the first place your late President Mr. John Pitt has always (not only in his lifetime but since his death) been mentioned with a fair Character as to his probity and integrity in all his actions as well by the Natives as others, for I find not the cries or complaints of any he ever wronged and therefore well beloved of all, excepting only one a Rel——n grouned upon some private pique or that he did not take leave of him in his last Will and Testament made two years before he dyed. This is the general applause given him, whatever might happen otherwise in your affairs, by meanes of any unfaithfull Dubashes that made their own advantage of the times when the two opposite Interests Jostl'd one the other, for I remember of my own knowledge in a quantity of Cowries Consul Pitt bought for the New Company of a considerable Merchant here at Fort St. George, no less than two month's time were spent by the interchange of letters so frequent from Metchlepatam and this place, between both parties to beat down those Cowries to the Lowest price, and is a part of that sume of money Consul Pitt &c^{a}. gave bond for in your names to the aforesaid Merchant Mr. Afflack, who had a considerable trading Stock of Consul Pitt's in his hands for some time before he arriv'd last in India in your Service, and as a trading Stock continued in his hands to the day of the Consul's suddent Death as you may have heard.

As to Mr. Woolston he deserted the Old Company and was by means of Embassador Norris taken into the New Companies Service to be assistant in bringing up the generall Books of Accounts but fail'd in performance, he went to Bengall from thence went a Passinger upon your ship the Union, Captain Franklin Commander, designed for China, but in their way touched at Pullecandore, where he was detain'd dyed there of an impostume, left his concerns to the Amount of 2 or £300 to Mr. Love supercargo of said ship, who was fully laden thence with a China Cargo, dispatch'd to Bengall consigned to the new Companies President and Council there.

None of any of your Papers or Invoices sent by the unfortunate Neptune came ever to my hands.

This letter I designe to send under Covert to Mr. Richard Gough by the hands of Mr. William Tillard, but knows nothing of the Contents, who seemes by all his ways and actions to have the caracter of a perfect honest gentleman, from whom you may expect a large and full account of all your affairs dureing his abode at Metchlepatam, God sending him to arrive safely with you in England. So humbly craveing pardon for having (I am afraid) spun out your patience to a weariness by so tedious a letter tho I could not well be more concise, I conclude this with my humble thanks for all your favours and kindness, and request your continuance of the same to the resolution I have of approveing myself on all occasions.

Right Worp^{ll}. &c. Gentlemen
Your most obliged faithfull
humble Servant
WILL. FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Jan^{ry}. 31, 1704–5.

LETTER FROM [?] TO THE GOVERNOR AND DEPUTY OF THE COMPANY, FEBRUARY 2, 1705. [*O.C.*, *Vol.* 60, *No.* 8327. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE THE GOV^R. & DEPUTY FOR THE TIME BEING.

Sirs,

I wrote you by the Colchester, Copy of which comes inclos'd, but by these last years Ships, I received none from you, soe have little to say more then the acknowledging my obligation to you, and to give you the assurance of my best services dureing my stay here towards the winding up of your bottomes, which I hope to effect in this place, in a little time after the date of this, and that to your satisfaction.

I need not recite here any particulars relating to your separate affairs having omitted nothing appertaining thereto as I remember in your Generall Letter.

Finding I am licke to meet with noe incouragement from the Court of Managers to continue here, I have resolv'd, if not deterr'd by any ill news from Europe, nor meet with noe manner of incouragement by the next shipping to embarque in September or January following for England, hopeing to leave all your affairs here in a good and settled condition, which I doubt not but will be continued soe under the prudent management of Mr. Roberts, if not disturb'd by some who allways made confusion where ever they were, for which your affairs formerly have severely smarted, and if speedy care be not taken the present interest they are in will fare noe better.

Amongst the many things I have often thought on, and some of 'em for your service, there has been one which should have been put in execution at the first settling this place, and then the safety of it had not been soe precarious as at present I would have offer'd it to the Managers, but by their usage of me, believing they may reject it, as comeing from me, I therefore represent it to you, to consider and make use of it as you please.

Nothing in these parts have made the Dutch more formidable then the bringing up all Musteez[1] in their religion, about which I have been discoursing our Ministers severall times and desir'd their opinion how this matter might be best effected, which they gave me lately in writeing, and I now send it inclos'd, for now all our Mustez are Roman Catholicks, soe consequently more under the Command of their Padres then our Government, thô of late I have taken occasion to let those Church men know, that they are under an English Government the sooner you prescribe methods to put this matter in Agitation, the more considerable your place will dayly grow, which is allready esteem'd the next best Europe settlement to Batavia, and capable of being made better, which I doubt not but my Successors will accomplish, thô when I come home and have settled my affairs, I shall readyly embrace your service to returne hither, or any other part of India, for some few years longer.

I question not but that you have a perfect account of your affairs in Bengall from whence 'tis generally wrote, that the New Companys Managers (as they call themselves) are too rampant, and at Surat he that hath made himselfe Generall 'tis said has stuck at nothing to rouine your Interest there, and I'me afraid 'tis too true. Sirs, you'll see in our Generall Letter and Consultations, the reason for our takeing in Mr. Meverill and Mr. Frederick into Councill, who I have allways observ'd to be very hearty in your particular as well as generall Interest, and for Mr. Raworth you'll find that he was taken in as belonging to the New Company, who is a very dilligent and ingenious young man, and discharges his trust very faithfully to you, soe I can't but recommend him as worthy of your incouragement, soe with my humble service to you all, wishing prosperity to your affairs abroad and at home I am

Hon. Sirs
Your most faithfull and
Obedient Servant
[No signature or Endorsement.]

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Feb^RY. the 2d 1704-5.

[1] A half-caste.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

LETTER FROM W. TILLARD, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 13, 1705. RECEIVED PER CHAMBERS FRIGATT, NOVEMBER 13, 1705. [*O.C., Vol.* 60, *No.* 8336. (*India Office transcript*).]

To the Hon^ble^ the Directors for Affaires
of the R^t^: Hon^ble^ English East India Company
Trading to the East Indies.

Hon^ble^ Sirs,

My last to your Honours was the 5th and 6th instant when advised that had given my Bills to several Persons payable two months after sight, which Bills together amount to Sixtynine thousand three hundred and twelve pounds seventeen shillings two pence sterling which makes one hundred thirty two thousand twenty four pagodas sixteen fanams and a half received of sundry Persons as in the Bills specified, the greatest part of the said money went to pay off in part the money owing to the Merchants of Metchlepatam for goods provided per them and sent home per the President and Councill of that place per ships Stretham and Rising Sun, the remainder of the money went to pay of the several Bonds formerly given to Mr. Affleck of this place and Mr. Abendana &c^a^: Factors for the Diamond money, all whose accounts your Honours will receive herewith, by which accounts there still appears to be owing to the abovementioned Merchants of Metchlepatam sixty five thousand two hundred sixty five Pagodas one fanam seventy five Cash.

The Hon^ble^ Company's Affairs requiring my coming to England per this shipping I designe to embark on the Dutches Captain Raymond. God sending her safe to her intended port, I hope to give your Honours a satisfactory account of all things relating to the Company's affairs. I do leave with Mr. Raworth the Generall Books ballanced the 21st July 1702, as also other accounts since that time, which will shew the Ballance of all the Hon^ble^ Company's Effects in India to the 12th instant, the counterparts of which accounts I shall bring with me.

My time being straitned by the Ship's quick departure from this places forces me to deferr the relation of other matters till my arrival in England, when shall give Your Honours a perticular account of everything transacted since the death of President John Pitt. I wish Your Honours good success in your Undertakings and remain

Hon^ble^ Sirs
Your most Obedient Servant
W. TILLARD.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
13th February 1704–5.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 26, 1705. RECEIVED PER SIDNEY, NOVEMBER 13, 1705. [*India Office transcript. Reference not given.*]

1. They wrote by the Dutchess under the 15th January and 14th February and two of the 15th and sent Duplicates by the Chambers and Copys by the Sidney.

2. Survey took of the Sidney her Bottom good, her upper works weak by reason of her breadth which is well caulk'd. Supply'd the Commander with 800 Pagodos on Charterparty Terms as per Receipt. Receipt sent of what had in China the Chief Mate commended.

2 Refin'd 100 Candy Petre to lye by for Powder the Old Company's Servants laded on the Sidney for their account, her Kintledge Petre and 500 Baggs more as Requested, also 100 Chests and Tubbs of China Ware.

4. The Sidney dispatcht the 23rd Instant and with her the Loyall Merchant to St. Davids, fearing the French laded no bale goods on her.

5. Sold the Sidney's Sugar at 9 Pagodos per Candy, the Tootenague at 17 Pagodos per Candy, the Copper at 11 Pagodos per Pecul of 131 lb., the Allom at $6\frac{5}{8}$ Pagodos per Candy, know not when shall Send the Quicksilver and Vermillion the Bay takes off no China goods 5900 Chests Copper brought from the Bay for the Coast which Ship the French took; 2 or 3 of the Dutch Vessells brought Tootenague from thence; so fear the Herne will meet but Bad Sales there nor the Northumberland or Union.

6. Want of Weight of Goods on the Sidney Sent.

7. Little Private Trade Goods brought on the Sidney.

8. Concerning Mr. Broadrep's Effects referr to Papers sent.

9. Copy of the Sidney's Invoyce enclosed, the Originall and the Supra Cargo's Books sent on the Dutchess.

10. Invoyce of what laden on the Sidney enclosed: will receive Invoyce from St. Davids of what laden there.

11. Have no News yet of the Martha from Bengall.

Signed by
THOMAS PITT
WILL^{M}. FRASER
THO^{S}. WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO^{S}. FREDERICK
ROB^{T}. RAWORTH.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. MARCH 14/15, 1705. RECEIVED PER MARTHA, MARCH 12, 1705 (1706?). [*India Office transcript. Reference not given.*]

1. Their last was the 26th February, its Copy enclosed sent via Fort St. Davids for the Sidney who Sailed from thence the 7th instant.

2. Fort St. Davids Letter and Invoice of the Sidney enclosed amounting to Pagodos 77651 : 25 : 5.

3. Martha arrived 3^{d} : instant: was dispatcht from the Bay the 5th January and Sailed not till the 17th Ditto.

4. They wrote to the Bay by the Martha that she should be dispatcht to call at Vizagapatam for an Investment provided there and leave room for 300 Bales; nevertheless they filled her full so that could take in but 144 Bales and those between Decks of which 108 belonged to the Old Company althô at Vizagapatam they were ordered to lade the United Goods.

5. The Sidney's Vermillion Sold at 43 to 44 Pagodos per Pecull. Sold but 10 Pecull of Quick silver because it went at but 40 Pagodos a Pecul.

6. Five and Twenty Bales of Neckcloths comes on this Ship; reason for not sending them sooner.

7. One hundred and fifty Bales of United Goods left behind because the Captain could not take in but 952 when he had promised to take in 1200 and thereupon 341 Bales were laden for the Old Company.

8. Three hundred bags of Petre brought in a Sloop on freight from the Bay, hear the Tavistock Sail'd about the end of January and the Scipio weighed the Midle of February.

9. Fort St. David Cloth is said to be good: desire the Company to judge whether that or Madrass Cloth is best.

Invoice of the Martha is Pagodos 58,790: 3.

THE 15TH MARCH 1704–5.

Since the above have let out the Loyall Merchant for China and Persia for 8000 Pagodos on the same terms with the Queen could not do better for saving any part of her dêmorage the West Coast Gentlemen thô independant have put on them 2 empty Ships and drawn 80000 Pagodos in Bills.

Signed by
THOMAS PITT
WILL^{M}: FRASER
THO^{S}: WRIGHT
JOHN MEVERELL
THO^{S}: FREDERICK
ROB^{T}: RAWORTH.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1705-1706.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. OCTOBER 1/10, 1705. SENT BY THE QUEEN. RECEIVED PER PURSER FROM FRANCE, JANUARY 8, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 58. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was the 14th and 15th March last per Ship Martha since which have received the Company's Letters of the 19th December and 12th January last by the Fleet and Sommers with Invoice &c[a].

FIRST CONCERNING YOUR SHIPING COME OUT OR RETURNING.

2. Tavistock arriving so late as March in Bengall could not come up with Rice &c[a].

3. Wish all the Ships sent out may succeed.

4. Fleet Frigot arrived 27th June Sail'd the 12th July for Bengall same day heard the Somers was fallen in at Vizagapatam and design'd for Bengall received their Pacquetts from thence with one for Mr. William Tillard.

5. By a Ship which arrived 6th last month from Batavia heard the Toddington Jane Blenheim and Hester were there the 7th August; Albemarl Bliss and Catherine not arrived hear the Arabia Donegall and Abingdon were at Mocha.

6. Are glad the last year's fleet arrived Safely hope the same of them that follow.

7. Bullion &c[a]: per Fleet frigott received.

8. Gave the Sidney and Martha a Quick dispatch and shall do the same to the others shall borrow to Supply the small Stock received if necessary Interest as Destructive as Demorage.

9. Sent an exact account of the Goods landed out of the Stretham by the Dutchesse with the Supra Cargo's books of the Sidney.

10. Shall order all Ships wintering at the Mauritius as directed.

11. Separate Stock entrys received know of none here concerned in the Separate Stock Ships but only the President in the Black Boy which his friends did without his knowledge.

12. Men of War did not suppress the Pyrates nor do anything else to the good of the trade.

13. William Smack and Charles and Betty Sloop brought up Peter and Gunnys and then Sold at outcry with 2 Metchlepatam Boats for Pagodas 1494.

14. Hugliana Ketch sent to the West Coast as per Consultation 26th March. She Sail'd 24th April.

15. Pagodas 787: 18, paid the Loyall Merchant on Charterparty.

16. Loyall Cook arrived from China 29th April let out to freight for 7,000 Pagodos as per Consultation 21st May She Sail'd for Bengali 5th July.

17. Rising Sun, Smack &c[a]: Vessels return'd from Anjengo 1st May, they brouught a Letter from the Commodore and Council dated 4th April enter'd No. 55: Mr. Braborne came on them having laid down the service.

18. Have Lodged Letters at Negapatam and Trincombar during this War to advise all the Company's Ships of Affairs the Governours kind and have sent them off.

19. Westmoreland arrived 26th May from Bombay with a Letter from the Generall and Councill dated 1st entered No. 64 her Masts being defective gott her a Main mast and fore mast from Trincombar and sent it after her to the Bay. Sent her in June to Vizagapatam.

20. Queen arrived from Persia 5th August Chaptain Legg dyed there She was Survey'd and found in good Condition She left the Stretham and Josia at Gombroon Mr. Daniel dyed there Mr. Gibbons on her to Madrass to be Marry'd and is the Letter received from Gombroon is enter'd No. 116 the Stretham designs to Suratt the Malabarr Coast and home.

21. Nathaniel arrived 3d: September from St. Helena brought a Letter from thence No. 138 She was laden and Saild 25th Ditto.

22. Relation of the De Graves loss at St. Lawrence enclosed.

23. Shall observe the Company's orders about Captains ill behaviour to Passengers object against that part of turning out Commanders on that Account best for the Company to turn them out at home Severall who have used their Passengers like Dogs come out again and Glory in it.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

24. Sold the Fleets and Somers Broadcloth at 25 per cent profit as per Consultation of the 9th July.

25. Medicines decay by keeping desire only those in the Doctor's list the rest can be got daily at 1/6 of the money they Cost in England.

26. List of Europe Goods proper for the Coast sent.

27. If the Toddington comes shall follow orders about her.

28. Twelve Chests of the Westmorelands Silver Coyn'd in the Mint, the rest Sold as per Consultation 28th May.

29. A Chest of the Loyall Cookes English Camblets which would not sell afterwards Sold at ½ a Pagoda per yard, the Martha's fine Broad Cloth Black and Cloth Colours would not sell one Bale enough and must be Superfine.

30. The Fleet frigot's Silver Coyn'd The Chest of Gold wanted 16 dwt. as per Consultation 10th July.

31. Two Bags of Peru Dollars in Chest No. 246 per Westmoreland Invoiced over Standard lb. 6 : oz. 3 : dwt. 15, as per Consultation 13th July.

32. The Sommers overshooting the Port a great disapointment to them refer to what did to Consultation 23d: July and to Letters wrote to the Bay No. 77 : 85 : 90 : 93 : 99 by the Bay Letter of the 18th August, find the Sommers goods and Stores will be sent up except Lead.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

34. Orders for Investments received are not enough for one Ship's Cargo : so Suppose those Sorts shall be their guidance Parliament Impositions don't lower the price of goods nor can it when demands for gruff goods by the English &ca: Europeans is so great.

35. Did design to be forward in their Investments as per Consultation of the 26th May but could not Conclude till 30th July as per Consultation to which referr Dearness of Cotton and Want of Cotton thread occasioned the Merchants objections.

36 Metchlepatam Chay Goods dear have let them alone expect some up at the Fort in December which shall buy if Cheap.

37. Cotton Yarn ordered is Cheapest in the Bay.

38. Have followed the method prescribed for Investments except for Brown Cloth which have advanced Money for to keep the Looms at work.

89. Hope will be no Complaint of that Presidency on account of buying goods Cheap and dispatching Ships but the West Coast has draind them of Money and sent two empty Ships nevertheless hope to load home the Sommers Fleet and Westmoreland in January and the Loyall Cooke and Loyall Merchant in September.

40. Observe the reason of sending out so many Ships but as to the Show they make wish half of them employ'd against Muscatt.

41. Mr. Brabourne now at the Fort was agreeing for musters of Longcloth and Sallampores to the Southward of Anjengo but the Quarrells on the loss of the Neptune broke off that designe.

42. Shall put out 3 or 400 Moorees to be painted.

43. Shall send Arrack and Rice by every Ship to St. Helena.

44. Loyall Cook's Cargo from China was Tale 81825: 3: 5. therein 2927 oz. gold and of Mallacca gold 965: 18: 12: the Supra Cargo's books and Accounts comes by this Ship refer to Consultation 2d: July for what wanting in weight and the Answer to it.

45. Refer to Consultation 9th July how they Sold the China Cargo per Loyall Cook except the Tea and quicksilver account of the Sales Enclosed.

46. Cloth at Vizagapatam being Cheaper than at Madras sent 15,000 Pagodos thither in May to Invest for ¾ Long Cloth, ¼ Sallampores and 5,000 Pags: more as per Consultation 5th July for Strip'd Bettellees are advised they have agreed for a parcel at 35½ Pagodas per Corge.

47. Sent on the Loyall Cooke to the Bay the 12 Chests Treasure per Westmoreland which Coyn'd was Rupees 1,06,863: 5: 9, on the Fleet frigot Sent more 78,278 Rupees invested the rest in West Coast Dollars which would else have been Coyn'd into Rupees.

48. Twenty Five Tons Kintlage goods more laden on the Queen at the Captains Request.

FOURTHLY AS TO THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTION WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

49. Danes Dutch and French Trade again on the Coast a Dane's Ship brought 100000 Dollars with which they buy up Gruff goods, not regarding lengths or Breadths.

50. All People have freedom of Trade but the foreign trade is Generally carryed on by Europeans in partnership to which don't [admit] the Black People unless they know them well.

51. Have had no troubles of late about the 3 townes if they have shall defend them as their Frontiers.

52. No Complaint of any nature there but is redrest: its plain they live easy by the Multitude of Inhabitants increasing which wish mayn't prove inconveneint in time.

53. An Arrab Ship from Conge arrived the 15th May of whome bought some Rosewater and Persia fruit he had horses on board he sail'd 15th June to the Bay hear from thence he is a friend to the Muscatters.

54. 31st May arrived the Buckhurst, Captain Say and Sonne dy'd at Cocheen, Captain Pennuce Commander but under direction of one Hamilton.

55. Sent Dowed Cawn Nabab of the Country who was return'd with greater honour and power a pressnt as per Consultation 1st June with a Letter to him and the Duan and Buxee [1].

56. Goodhope arrived from Persia 16th June brought news Captain Murvill was taken with his Ship belonging to Bengall by an Arrab of 48 Guns in the Gulph Copy of the Captain's Letter to Gombroon their Letter to the Emaum and to Madrass Enter'd No. 83: 84: 85: 86. The Arrabs will take all the English Ships they can overpower which prejudices the Company's Interest and reputation.

57. 29th September the Governour received a Letter, Horse and Serpau [2] from the Nabob at the Garden.

58. Trouble lately at Metchlepatam from the King's Duan on a dispute between 2 of the New Company's Merchants, hope it is over without Charge.

FIFTHLY AS TO YOUR FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

59. Received but one Souldier by the Fleet and Two by the Sommers they are at Vizagapatam the Engineer dy'd there the day he landed.

60. Garrison Stores enter'd in Generall Books List of what wanting sent yearly shall take care of their expence.

61. Trade of Rubys carry'd on by Armenians the Troubles brought it from Metchlepatam to Madras the Brokeridge Duty is Collected when they are sold,

[1] A military Paymaster.—*Hobson-Jobson.*
[2] A dress of honour.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

the Broker Collects the Duty and pays it to the Customer at the Choultry the Merchant has oppertunity to sell what he pleases and the Broker know nothing and the Broker to pay in what he pleases proposed that the duty should be Collected on Importation and none to be present but the Customer Searcher Receiver Broker and Owners are certain it will be to the Companys advantage.

62. Beetle Tobacco, &c^{a}. Farms now collected quietly and paid monthly recruits much wanting.

63. Concerning Souldiers whose times are out as per Covenant if their pay is encreased can never reduce it after no expedient like sending Recruits which will damp the desire of those who request discharges few Europeans but their time is out above 30 have prest to be discharged and a mutinous Scotch Drummer now in prison for it.

64. James Aveline went home.

65. The Stables being blown down is rebuilding and will be commodious.

66. Mr. Frasers Narrative on the Inquisition about the Black Town Wall Money now sent.

67. Madrass Road being very foul have given the Company's part of the Salvage to encourage its being clear'd as per Consultation 28th August.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS AND WRITERS OFFICERS AND SOULDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

68. They entertained both Companys servants in the United as they had occasion; would have taken in more of the New if they had been on the Place account how those in the Paper are disposed.

69. Mr. Tillard neither would take charge of the United Dead Stock at Metchlepatam nor let any of those with him but kept them in the New Company's Employ.

70. Mr. Landen entertained at St. Davids.

71. Mr. Robert Glasswell laid down at Matchlepatam.

72. Mr. John Easton came from Matchlepatam and dyed in a few days.

73. Mr. Daniel Cole dy'd at Matchlepatam

74. Mr. Robert Raworth entertained Messrs. Faunce and Baker shall when they come.

75. Mr. George Clarke gon to Bengall.

76. Mr. Edward Jackson is one of the Gunroom Crew.

77. Don't know what the New Companys Servant's Sallarys and Factory Charges are desire directions from England where the accounts now are what shall do therein.

78. Mr. Empson readmitted of Council and placed as directed so did Mr. Martin Mr. Frederick admitted on Mr. Marshall's going to China.

79. In the last Letter desired a Character of the Company's Servants and now forbid a recommendation to their friends which the President will comply with but when he comes home will give everyone their due.

80. Mr. Haslewood gon for Bengall.

81. Error in Mr. Wigmore's bond shall be rectifyed.

82. Dr. Bulkely allow'd the rest of his house rent and 8 Pagodas a month dyet he deserves it well.

83. Mr. Coningsby entertained factor from the Fleet frigots arrivall.

84. Shall cause the accounts to be kept up and they now are so shall send Duplicates yearly in War time: Books to May last now sent by the Queen.

85. Mr. Grosvenor and Mr. Oglethorp quitted the Service and are gon home.

86. Mr. Pettys 18 Tubbs of tea landed custom free to be reladen on the first ship for England as per Consultation of the 29th June.

87. Mr. Trevor Games gon to Bengall on the Old Company's account.

88. Some of Captain Boulton's goods landed custom free to be reladen for England as per Consultation 2^{d} July.

89. Mr. Shingle gon to the West Coast.

90. Mr. Dixon quitted the Service and is gon to Sea as per Consultation 6th August.

91. Mr. Villers Haveningham gon to Sea for his Health as per Consultation 6th August.

92. Mr. Charles Burniston landed his goods custom free to be reladen for England as per Consultation 20th August.

93. Mr. John Meverell quitted the Service rather than go to St. Davids.

SEVENTHLY AS TO FORTS &C^{A}· SUBORDINATE TO THIS PRESIDENCY.

94. The 9th June heard Mr. Holcomb was dead ordered Mr. Stables should succeed him and sent Mr. Hastings 2^{d} with 20 Souldiers and a Sarjeant but just as they were going heard Mr. Stables was dead ordered Mr. Frewen to be Chief and the Westmoreland to go thither as per Consultations of the 9th 11th and 12th June gave them Instructions.

95. Intend to pull down the old Factory at Maddapollam and quitt Metchlepatam leaving only a Black or two there.

96. Fear can never raise a revenue by Customs at Vizagapatam the Rajahs would oppose it however shall Write about it were it to do again could not raise a revenue at Madrass.

EIGHTLY TOUCHING AFFAIRS OF THE WEST COAST.

97. Do give their utmost Assistance to the West Coast thô not directing.

98. Have paid off the great Bills drawn from the West Coast being Pagodas 35832 : 34 : 1 : as per Consultation 20th February.

99. Sent thither by the Huglyana Pag^{s}. 5971 : 14 : 2 : in Petre Stores &c^{a}. also Writers and 10 Topasses General Letter by her is No. 26.

100. Old Company's Bill for Dollars 60855 : 3 : being due the 25th February not being paid lys at 8 per Cent Interest.

101. Have sent 12900 Dollars to Bencoolen on a Ship bound for Batavia as per Consultation 6th August.

102. Sarum arrived from West Coast 12th August with Pag^{s}. 2265 : 9 : 45 : in Arrack and Sugar brought Bills for Dollars 3429 She being found Crazy was sent to Bengall as per Letter thither No. 93.

103. Ships from Mocha putting in West Coast Dollars into the Mint bought them up as per Consultation 20th August.

104. Sent the Nathaniel with Treasure goods and Stores to the West Coast, being 17211 Pags. : 25. Copys of Invoices of what sent thither since their last Letters enclosed the Generall Letter thither enter'd No. 105.

105. Cant prevail with Topasses and their Wives to go to the West Coast, shall perswade them if can to go to Benjar.

NINTHLY AS TO AFFAIRS RELATING TO POLLICONDORE.

106. Captain Dennets Relation of the Massacre at Pollicondore sent also Dr. Pounds Letter to Mr. Watts.

TENTH NEWS RELATING TO THE FRENCH.

107. Hear the Dutch at Batavia have null'd the Treaty for Cessation of Arms with the French on the Coast.

108. August 20 had news from Negapatam the French were buying Pepper on the Mallabar Coast to be ready in November.

ELEVENTH CONCERNING THE R^{T}: HON^{BLE}: OLD EAST INDIA COMPANY.

109. Mr. Beard President for the Old Company in the Bay dy'd at Madrass 7th July.

TWELFTH CONCERNING THE Rt : HONBLE : NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY.

110. Messrs. Frazer and Wright appointed to go to Metchlepatam about the New Company's Affairs have given them advice and Assistance.

111. Mr. Rawôrth offered to assist Messrs. Frazer and Wright as per Consultations 29th June 6th August and 3d September.

112. On news of 2 Boats coming from Metchlepatam with the New Company's goods Sent a vessell and Souldiers to assist them fearing danger.

113. New Company's Bond of 19,500 Pagodas given Messrs. John Pitt and Isaac Abendana cancelled in Consultation.

THIRTEENTH SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS.

114. June 3d arrived the Mariana Coynd her Silver and Sold some goods, Showing their Licence which was entered the 7th in Consultation She Sail'd to Bengal the 20th July.

115. July 23d arrived the Macclesfield Gally Showed her Licence which was entered the 28th. They Coynd their money and Sold some Trumpery the Supra Cargo Mr. Gore Expected to be Custom free as per Consultation the 20th August Answer to him is there Enter'd Sail'd the 26th August to Bengall.

116. August 2d Rising Sun arrived from Persia Sail'd 23d to Bengall.

117. Of things not reducible to the foregoing heads.

118. The Company's Rules and directions are strictly observed, all things of Moment transacted in Consultation.

119. Shall send West Coast Dollars to Benjar and what Goods they want when have opportunity.

120. Thankfull for the Promised Assistance to Sir Stephen Evance about the Ship Diamond Seiz'd at Judda.

121. Shall send no Pepper at all and Sell any to be received from Bencoolen.

122. Hear nothing of Mr. Salvadores Consignment.

123. Mr. Woolstone dy'd at Pollicondore have wrote to Bengall about his Debt.

10TH OCTOBER.

124. The Wentworth not being arrived at Bengall and the Company's designe being to enlarge in the Bay trade if She could not have Wrote to the Bay to take 10 Chests more of the Treasure design'd for Madrass.

125. 5th Instant Packet from the Secrett Committee open'd in Consultation but known only to the Govr : same Day Messrs. Fraser and Wright delivered in a Paper about the New Company's business which with the Answer then Entered.

126. Desire a Seal to put to Bonds to take up money at Interest.

127. Want packing Stuff which is the reason the goods are not better embaled.

128. United Company indebted to the Old Pags. 84710 : 15 and in Bengall Rups. 53215 : 10 : 1.

129. 464 Bags Petre and 82 Bales Callicos laden on the Queen for the Old Company.

130. Cant take up any Money on Bills Exchanged.

131. By Letters from Suratt hear the Mary had like to have been lost in that river and a new Governor was come with an ill Character.

132. Business goes on at Vizagapatam having received the Nabob's Perwanna fear that not advancing money will hinder the Investment.

133. Mr. Hall spared to go Surgeon on the Queen he deserves Encouragement.

134. It is rumoured the Mogull is dead but have no such advice from the Camp which is 20 days Journey off.

135. List of Passengers on the Ship sent Mr. Affleck has been a Benefactor to the Place.

136. 94 Pagodas paid the freighters of the Queen for damage done to some silk.

137. This Ship's Goods sorted by the last sent.

138. Mr. Vic. Griffith is dead at St. Davids.

139. Shall send lists of Stores wanted by the January Ships and of what Goods proper, Copys of the last now sent and List of Callicos in Warehouse.

140. Captain Cornwall Commended.

141. Invoice of the Queen Pags 43489 17 : 3. List of Books, papers and Account sent by the Queen.

Signed by
THO^{s} : PITT
WILL : FRASER
THO^{s} : WRIGHT
WM : MARTIN
ROB^{T} : RAWORTH
THO^{s} : FREDERICK.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM FRASER AND THOMAS WRIGHT, FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. OCTOBER 10, 1705. RECEIVED PER THE SOMERS, FEBRUARY 28, 1706. [*O. C., Vol.* 61, *No.* 8383 (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE} : DIRECTORS OF THE
R^{T} : HON^{BLE} : ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HON^{BLE} : SIRS,

We are now with all respect to acknowledge the favour of your Generall Letter of the 18th January 1704-5 by the Fleet Frigot, received here the 27th of June last, as also that sent by the Somers received here 22 July after, via Vizagapatam, where she arrived the 6th said month having by some unlucky mistake overshot this Port in that fair season, both which Packets we have received with all the Inclosed Letters and Papers, which ly now in order before us, to all which we cannot at present give any more than a short answer untill your next returning shipping in January when we shall (God willing) advice all matters fully relating to the Affairs Your Hon^{rs} : have been pleased to intrust us with, and the power you have delegated to us to do and act for you in the manner and Method your Hon^{rs} : have directed, though after all we find our Selves to be put upon an after game, as may appear by the Sequele when we come in its proper place to speak of it; having premised thus much, We hope Mr. Tillard may long ere this be safely arrived in England, having sail'd hence the 15th of February last, to whom we humbly referr your Hon^{rs} : for all matters transacted by him and your Merchants during his stay here, when he drew Bills on your Hon^{rs} : to the amount of 84,950 Pagodas besides the bonds due to Mr. Affleck and Abendana at 10s. 6d. per Pagoda when it was not in his power to make any abatement with those Merchants to your Hon^{rs} : though others that advanced money made an advantage to themselves of your Hon^{rs} : necessity, without which we are sensible money could not have been procured by reason of the high Respondentia that is given, by all which you'll understand our meaning in what we have said to act an after game, when we are to engage with the Sorrowfull murmuring and repineing of those Merchants bewailing that necessity that prevail'd with them to be par'd to the quick.

The Hon^{ble} : Directors letter to Mr. Fraser per the Martha with his answer to the same sent by the Dutches and its duplicate by the Sidney via Fort St. David have been produced and read by Mr. Wright the answer being suited to the Secresy injoyn'd him in that affair.

All your Northern Merchants that came up hither to adjust accounts with and be paid by Mr. Tillard before his going home, dispersed themselves soon after, some returning home, some staying here in Expectation of full effects from England to pay them, and the rest of them went to the remotest parts of the South Countrey, whither their superstitious zeal had carried them to worship after their

manner, who sometime after returned back hither upon our giving notice (to the rest of them that stayed) of your orders to us whom we injoyn'd to write to those gone home to Metchlepatam to accompany our letter to call them up hither, as may appear by the Copie of the same no. [. . .] which accompanies this, as also the translate of their answer to us no. [. . .] when we wrote them againe more earnestly, to which as yet we have not received an answer which made us think they had set out on their Journey hither, but we find by others when they had done so and all ready to come away, they were suddenly and before they were aware Stopt by the Government to whom they are heavily indebted both principall and growing Interest; these matters being considered we thought there was no necessity for our going thither to put your Honours to a needless charge, and perhaps ourselves to the hazard of a Ransome, and your orders turning upon that hinge, as supposing Mr. Tillard to have been there, which we pray may be accepted as an answer to that part of your Letter.

Mr. Braborn arriving here the primo May last delivered to the President your Invoices sent per the Neptune, taken up in the wreck of that unfortunate ship, of which we knew nothing of, till the 4th of July after, when Mr. Raworth delivered them to us being six in all, and are intire as he received them from the President, which are a great guidance to us, when we shall set upon the examination of the Contracts of the Severall Investments with those Merchants.

The 27 of June last when your Packet came to our hands, Mr. Raworth offered to deliver us up all Books, papers and accounts of your Affairs which were left in his hands by Mr. Tillard at his going hence for England, which we promised to receive by a List of all, so soon as he could be at leisure to draw one out, which he accordingly promised to do, but on the 29th that month he produced and read a paper in Consultation, by which he offered his service to your Honours and desired to be joyn'd with us in the room and absence of Mr. Tillard; our answer to the same will be found in the Consultation of the United Companie as mentioned in our Generall Letter to the Hon^ble^: Managers, to which we humbly refer.

The Dustore[1] of 1½ per cent hath been paid or accounted for upon all your Contracts as the Merchants say, and was appropriated as wages to the Companies Dubash &c^a^: servants, and was done they say by order of your late President and Council, which Mr. Tillard can more perfectly inform your Honours of, he having left no Consultation Books behind him (for our perusal) as Mr. Raworth told us on the 7th August, when he delivered us all books, papers and accounts left in his hands by Mr. Tillard.

We have received up the Bond of Pagodas 19,500 relating to Messrs. Pacheco and Johnson which were cancell'd in Consultation by the President before he delivered them, and we find no interest to have been paid here in the Countrey on the same, which adjusts our answer in that matter.

When it pleases God to arrive to us in safety the Summers from Bengall, all due care shall be taken to dispose of the two Chests of Corall Consigned to us for your Honour's account: and advise the same with other matters to your Honours by the next returning shipping.

The Consulary power devolveing on Mr. Tillard by the Death of the former Consul, and the latter being gone, and hope well arrived in England is a Revocation of itself, without any new Instrument sent us, and needs no further answer. The account of what remains of your goods and effects at Metchlepatam for sale we herewith send your Honours a good part of which are now upon two Countrey boats hired to bring them hither, but are not yet arrived, which when they are shall be sold to the best advantage we can, having sold here last week by way of publick outcry at the Sea-gate seven chest of your Flint Glass ware in severall lots, as per account now sent, the money of which is not yet collected in.

We have in pursuance to the Hon^ble^: Managers orders in their generall Letter to their President and Council here, as well as by your orders to us demanded to be repaid your Honours out of the United Companie's Cash here all

[1] Commission—*Hobson-Jobson*.

Salaries and other charges paid by you to your Servants since the 22nd July 1702 being the date of the Deed of United, as may appear by our Paper of the same delivered to the President and Council, which with their answer to the same comes herewith, to which we refer.

Your late President Pitt we are told always used to ballance your account Cash when he went to Maddapollam, as he did when he went last to the Norris wreck, where he died as you have taken notice of, and his widow hath Mr. Tillard's receipt for the Account Cash delivered him at that time, Copie of which attested comes herewith, and we find he hath no head in any of your books of Accounts that are come to our hands, and now we are on this head, we must take notice that his widow is willing that her late husband's own books in the hands of the Executors in England may be perused, by which it will appear it is far short of that bulck of Estate which some have taken so much pains to amuse people with-all at home, this we say by the by as being her own words and sense, and designs for England by the next year's Shipping.

We have askt the Metchlepatam Merchants to what rates they bought the Copper &c^{a}. China goods to which they have given us an account of, and we have compared the same with your books and find them to agree, which was a hardship on them they having lost by those goods.

As to the Norris wreck when so much painfull endeavours has been used in the time of your late President, it is our opinion that 'tis but throwing away good money upon bad, for were there any the least hopes to recover any of your Treasure, the Natives would long'r now [have] used their utmost endeavours, as those Natives did fortunately to themselves where the Neptune run ashore at Manacoree near Cape Cumareen, and this is not only our own thoughts, but the opinion of all sea-fareing men we have discours'd with on this matter.

We shall make strickt inquiry if those Debts that are standing out are justly, truly and properly in the name and persons to whome the severall Bonds are given.

If upon Examination of the Merchant's Accounts we find your Honours justly indebted to them as 'tis too much to be feared we shall, it appearing so plain by the Accounts stated by President Tillard that you are, whome we esteem worthy of the Character you give him, we shall use our utmost endeavours to procure money on Bills on your Honours at the easiest rates we can; and shall do our utmost in all your Affairs Committed to us to approve our Selves as becomes.

Hon^{ble} Sirs,
Yours Honours most obedient humble servants,
WILLIAM FRASER.
THO: WRIGHT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
October 10th, 1705.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT, FORT ST. GEORGE. OCTOBER 10, 1705. RECEIVED PER PASSENGER FROM FRANCE, JANUARY 8, 1706. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 79. (*India Office transcript*).]

Letter being sent by the Fleet and Sommers to the Governour for the time being to be open'd 5 days before any Ships sail'd he open'd it in presence of the Councill but kept the Contents Secrett and sends to the Secrett Committee Copy of his orders thereupon to the Queen shall give the Captains orders about Galle and Mauritius; his family requiring his return to England intends in September next to Surrender the Government to Mr. Roberts who he hopes will give good satisfaction and shall leave the Place in quietness: all the Accounts and writing work are kept up if the King dyes or the Governour by longer stay can serve the Company he will wait for further orders.

Signed
THO: PITT.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 9 AND 26, 1706. RECEIVED PER SOMERS, FEBRUARY 11, 1706 [1707 ?]. *Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* I, *p.* 73. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was the 1st and 10th October 1705 by the Queen, its copy and Invoice of her Generall Books Consultation and Cash account sent.

CONCERNING THE SHIPS COME OUT OR RETURNING.

2. Hear the Wentworth arrived at Chittegong.

3. Albermarle sail'd from Atcheen the 14th August the Blisse from Bencoolen the 7th August the Catherine the 29th July as per Copy of the Generall Letter from thence. Bombay Letter of the 15th August advises the Hampshire and Frederick arrived there; they left the Phœnix and Europe off Soccatra, Mr. Prescott &c^{a}. on them for Persia. Mountague would speedily sail for England, the Letter is Entered No. 25. Letter from Sir John Gayer at Surat of the 19th November advises Europe was return'd from Persia to Bombay; the Phœnix gon to Borneo, Stretham and Josiah expected; Frederick going on freight to Persia; Donegall Arabia Abingdon arrived Bombay from Mocha, the last had been at Callicut for Pepper; Mary and Catherine sail'd for Bombay and thence would go to England and the Eaton soon after.

4. Sommers arrived from the Bay the 4th, brought up a Chest of Gold 19 of Silver and part of her Europe Cargo and Packing Stuff and 256 Bales from Vizagapatam.

CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

5. 100 Bales Broadcloth and some of the Stores per Sommers kept in the Bay, Suppose it sold better there.

AS TO INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

6. 28th November borrowed 9,500 Pagodas at 9 per cent Interest for 2 months, 15th December 6,000 Pagodas more for a Month which sent to St. Davids to be invested.

7. For want of Ships ordered the Bales at St. Davids to be sent up on freight.

8. 300 Morees sent to be painted which will be sent September next many thousand those handicrafts left the Place for want of Employ.

9. No Chay Goods brought up from Matchlepatam Suppose the Dutch buy them up thô dear.

AS TO THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTION WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

10. Three of Mr. Holcomb's Ships lost in November last by blowing weather, had no Ships to send to save the Wrecks, sent Peons to look after the Mast &c^{a}. but the Nabob &c^{a}. took them as he dos the Country Governours when their Ships were lost shall demand the whole of him.

AS TO YOUR FORTIFICATIONS AND REVENUES.

11. Black Towne Wall and works being near finished and the People being in Debt for the Charge, if don't raise it speedily will assess them to do it, they are backward to Contribute to the good of the place.

12. Refer to Consultation for the reasons why they design to rebuild the House under St. Thomas's Mount lately fallen down.

13. Lease of the Tobacco and Beetles Farms let for 5 years at 7,000 Pagodas a year vide Consultation 21st December.

TOUCHING FACTORS & WRITERS OFFICERS & SOULDIERS & THEIR ACCOUNTS.

14. Mr. Richard Harrison put of Councill at St. Davids in Mr. Griffith's place and Mr. John Bridge in Mr. Games's who dy'd in the Bay where has been a great Mortality.

AS TO FORTS &C^{a}: SUBORDINATE TO THIS PRESIDENCY.

15. Madapollam Factory partly fallen down, have order'd to pull down the rest and bring the Materialls to Madrass.

CONCERNING THE RIGHT HONOURABLE NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY.

16. Have ordered the Writing given at Metchlepatam by the New Company's Dubash to pay Custom to be taken up. Messrs. France and Baker entertaind 21st November.

17. Refer to Consultation 21st December 1st instant touching the New Companys Merchants paper and their Answer come now to add what not properly reducible to said heads.

18. Captain Gough lost off Banco.

19. Thomas Cole and Family came to Madrass on the Nathaniel from St. Helena, refer to Consultation 22nd October why paid his bill of 100^{l} drawn on the Company, has wrote to St. Helena about it as per Letter No. 2.

20. Had no opportunity to send to Benjar nor have heard from thence.

21. Answer to the Complaints of the Bengall Councill against Mr. Charles Fleetwood and an apology for his management and Trading in the Bay. The Councill in the Bay are not tollerably Civill to any Madrass Inhabitants.

26TH JANUARY.

22. 18th instant the Westmoreland and Fleet arrived from Bengall with Stores 77 Bales of Cotton yarn brought up part of 140 Bales of goods for the Company's Account on the Westmoreland 152 Chests of China Ware on her and 169 ditto on the Fleet laden on the New Company's Account hope to fill up both Ships speedily.

23. 150 Tons Petre on the Westmoreland.

24. Remainder of the Quicksilver and Tea comes on these Ships and some China Ware on the Sommers.

25. Mr. Richard Farmer laid down the Service, Mr. Duke Faunce sent down to be of that Council.

26. Some Bales China Ware and Tea Laden on the Sommers for an Account of the Old Company.

27. 40 Chests of the Copper wanting on the Loyall Cooke found in the Ballast and delivered to the Councill in the Bay.

28. Refer to Consultation 21st instant about a report that the Company's Ship a[t] Mallacca threaten'd to take the Manhilha Ships.

29. Captain Robert's Protest of the 21st instant sent.

30. 9^{m}: 1^{qr}: 16^{lb} of Cinnabarr laden on the Sommers for Account of Mr. Jonathan Hall 2nd: Supra Cargo of the Loyall Cooke.

31. Referr to the Copys enclosed of the Governour of Trincombars Letter and a Captains narrative touching the troubles at Atcheen given to the English Constant friend Separate Stock Ship Run a Shore there by her Seamen the King has Seized her Effects.

32. The Countrey Trade very precarious wherever the Suratt Ships frequent whose Noquedas report they abuse the English at Suratt and take from them what they please so that none but the Dutch are esteemed in China, Persia, Atcheen and most places.

33. Ingott N°. 3 in the Wentworth's Chest Gold Invoiced ¾ grain worse than Standard is 3 grains worse as per Attestation and a Pagoda weight Sent Account of that Chests Coynage sent.

34. Lists of Goods and Stores wanting desire the best of their sorts and no Medicines but according to List.

35. Souldiers discharged to Man the Fleet and Westmoreland earnestly desires Supplys.

36. 89 Bales Cloth marked W. cost 2 pag^{s}: a Corge more than the rest per Sommers, Letters from the French Directore in the Bay sent in the Box.

37. Sommers Invoice 74,968 ^{Pags}: 10 : 5 and Bills Lading sent.

Signed,
THO^{s}: PITT
WM. FRASER
THO^{s}: WRIGHT
M. EMPSON
WM. MARTIN
ROB^{t}: RAWORTH
THO^{s}: FREDERICK.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE COMPANY, JANUARY 9/28, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYAL COOKE, OCTOBER 11, 1707. [*O.C*, *Vol.* 61, *No.* 8422. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE} GOV^{R}. DEP^{TY}: AND COMMITTEES FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}, GOV^{R}. AND COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^{ble}. Sirs,

Our last to you was the 1st of October by Ship Queen who sayled hence the 13th d°: Copy of which with Second bill of Loading and Invoice for what laden on her for your Accounts comes here Inclos'd, Since which wee have little to add, save to advise you what Messrs. Petty and Games have done, in your business about which they went to Bengall, and for a relation thereof as far as they have advised us: wee refer you to the Copys of their Letters to us dated 21st August 25th October and the Papers that came with them, as also your President and Councills Letter to us dated the 21st August last and wee hope by the ships hourly expect to receive your last year's bookes, and what more Mr. Petty has to advise on that Subject, for since wee received the letters before mentioned Mr. Games is dead.

You'll see they used their endeavours in Bengall and wee have done the same here to take up money on Bills to satisfie that debt, but wee nor they can't procure any, the great mony'd men being most of them gone for England and at this time of year money is generally scarce here att this place, our shipping being all abroad which God send safe to return when wee shall use our utmost endeavours to get money procurable on bills, thô we have no great prospect of effecting it.

The mony oweing to Mr. Dubois at Fort St. David is lately paid into your Cash and his Account as it stands in our generall Bookes comes Inclos'd and no more of his debt must you expect here.

Your ship Sidney when went hence to Fort St. David left a Cable making for her, for which the Commander paid 68 Pagodas, and wee sent it after them in a vessell which by the negligence of the Master and they not enquireing after it (for that the vessell was in the Road before she sayled) was left behind; so your President sold it to the Commander of the Loyall Merchant for its Cost, and has paid your 68 Pagodas into your Cash here.

Wee here send you Copys of your last Generall bookes, Consultations and Cash Account, the latter will be near a ballance, when wee have cleared with our Merchants at Fort St. David, and payd a bill wee expect on us from Persia, and clear'd your account salary to those that have served you since the Union, thô

wee hope by the September ships to recover a summe from your Merchants, which as it comes in shall be invested and remitted to you and for what oweing you by the United wee have little prospect of being able of getting anything of it for that wee are very bare of mony considering wee must provide for the Loyall Cooke and Loyall Merchant who wee hope to dispatch in September next.

Wee hear of severall of your ships to be dispatcht this year from Suratt from whence doubtless you will have a full account of all your Affairs there, but yett wee can't omitt that your Packett by the Frederick thô taken out of the Box with the other Letters was convei'd away and said to be lost which Sir John Gayer advis'd your President of and doubtless has wrote you the same.

28TH JANUARY.

Since writeing the foregoing wee received by the Fleet Friggot the Inclos'd letter from Mr. Petty in Bengall with their Dyary and Consultations of what relateing to your Affairs which he and Mr. Games were ordered to negotiate there to which wee referr.

Wee have no more bales of yours here than what wee have shipped on the Somers thô hourly expect some from Fort St. David, which wee fear wee shall be hardly able to send you on these ships, they having strangely and unacountably loaded on the Westmoreland and Fleet Friggot in Bengall for the New Comanys account 317 Chests of China ware which will never pay half their freight, but you shall not faile of having them home on the September ships, and your bottom wounded up as near as tis possible by that time.

Mr. Matthew Gibbons marryed a young woman here who had mony lay at Interest in your Cash in Bengall amounting to with Interest Rup^{s} 4122-4-6 for which wee have given him three bills of Exchange on you for £566-10-3d. sterling payable to himself or order which wee desire you to comply with, wee shall write to Bengall by the said ship what wee have done in this matter.

Mr. Richard Darley comeing from the West Coast some years past dyed Intestate for which reason the Court of Admiralty took care of his Estate and when received all they knew of payd the Ballance being Pagodas 1973 : 18 : 5 into your Cash here, about which there has been Powers sent out by his Father and Brother to Mr. Empson and others to demand the same, wee thinking them not Authentick have refus'd the Payment, so desire you will send for the father or what relations he has and pay it those that have a right to it to prevent further demands here.

Wee forbear writeing you any news of these parts by reason wee send you Copy of our letter to the Managers and here Inclos'd Invoice for what Loaden on the Somers amounting to Pagodas 6742 : 29 : 2 with Bill of Loading for the same, as also Copys of our Generall Bookes sent you by the Queen s.) with our Services to you all. Wee are

Hon^{ble} Sirs,
Your most faithfull and obedient
humble Servants,
THO^{s} : PITT
THO^{s} : WRIGHT
MATT^{w}: EMPSON
THO^{s}. FREDERICK.

FORT. ST. GEORGE,
Jan. 9th, 1705-06.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT. JANUARY 22, 1706. RECEIVED PER SOMMERS, FEBRUARY 12, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 80 (*India Office transcript*).]

His last of the' 10th October 1705 was sent by the Queen this is for Cover to his Letter to the Secrett Committee with Copy of his orders to the Sommers, Westmoreland and Fleet frigott: Wishes all the Companys Ships to arrive safe in England.

Signed
THO^{S}: PITT.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM FRASER AND THOMAS WRIGHT, FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY, JANUARY 30, 1706. RECEIVED PER SOMERS, FEBRUARY 28, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 61, *No.* 8430. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE} DIRECTORS
OF THE R^{T} HON^{BLE} ENGLISH
EAST INDIA COMPANY TRADING
TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^{ble} Sirs,

Our last to this to your Honours was of the 10th October by the Queen who sailed hence for England the 13th said Month, Copie of which comes herewith. And on the 26th of the same the rest of your Metchlepatam and Maddapollam Merchants arrived here, with whom having first agreed the preliminaries, and inquir'd into their severall pretensions, as to that great debt owing them, if in their own Persons or borrowed Names, before we entred on the main matters to be examined. In right order to which the best method we could propose to our Selves was to trace back to the time of your first settlement in those parts, and from that Spring head begin all our inquiries and examination on all the severall Investments and Contracts that have been made since with those Merchants, as also the sales of Europe and China Goods to them, this Spacious field of your Affairs took us up (by severall adjournments) from the aforesaid time of their arrivall here to the 13th December last, in this manner viz^{t}. we first compared the prices of all your Severall goods with those of the like sort and Species, provided in those parts by the Old Company at the same time, and the reason of their differences. Secondly we compared your generall books of Accounts and Invoices sent us out, with the Merchant's gentue books of Accounts of all the Severall Investments, which agree, excepting Pa: 248 exceeded in your Accounts more than the Merchants have in theirs, occasioned by your first Dubash since deceased.

In the Interim Messrs. Faunce and Baker arrived here the 11th November last with two Boats laden with the remains of your Factory at Metchlepatam whence they Set out the 26th July for this place, but were detained, (wind bound) at Chapaleere, when on the 19th of September last we received a Letter from them overland, advising that the Boatmen despairing of a timely passage to this place were become very uneasy, as resolveing to return back againe to Metchlepatam. To prevent which we did with the assistance of the President and Council dispatch to them on the 20th ditto the Fly (a large Boat with a Deck) and on her sent a Sergeant with six Souldiers and all necessary Provisions with 50 Pagodas to Messrs. Faunce and Baker to supply their occasions, besides which this Expedition for Laskar's wages, Soldier's provisions, and Stores sent, cost your Honours Pagodas 79: 4: 40, which we paid in to the United Companies Cash here, so soon as that account was delivered us, the List of all they brought upon both Boats, with the amount of their Sale here at publick outcry comes herewith. They left nothing behind them at Metchlepatam of your Honours but two Iron gunns of 18 weight each which the Government would not permit them to take away, under pretence they might sell them to a Tributary Raja on Dieu Island, that stands in defyance of the Metchlepatam Governour. And therefore they

Spyl'd them both up before they came away thence, there is about 1000 Candy of Redwood left behind, which we shall endeavour to bring hither on the easiest terms we can, and dispose of the same for the most we can get, they have likewise left behind them some Dammar between 4 and 5 Candy, two large diving Tubbs, two small grapplings or Creepers, formerly made for the Norris wrack, which is all. The Dammar we have desired Mr. Faucet Resident there to dispose of, as being cheaper here than there.

Messrs. Faunce and Baker being arrived here as has been said, when we were in the course of our examination of your Merchants Accounts we asked and inquired of them severally, and that very particularly, if they knew of any wrongs or frauds done your Honours in any of the Contracts or Sale of your goods, or errors in Accounts sent us out, to which they said they knew of nothing.

Mr. Alleyn has been gone upon a voyage to Arrakan, next March will be two years, of whome we have not heard any news this twelve months past, so that we fear that debt he owes your Honours may prove very doubtfull, if not desperate if he returns not; his Wife and Family here being reduced to very low circumstances.

Your Remains here which we cannot as yet dispose of are viz^{t}: Iron Gunns P^{s}: 24 from 8θ to 11θ weight, poiz in all 221θ: 0$^{qr.}$: 15$^{s.}$ Anchors P^{s}: 7 poiz in all 69θ: 3$^{qr.}$: 15$^{s.}$ Graplings broke and whole P^{s}: 5 poiz 6θ: 1$^{qr.}$: 5$^{s.}$. Iron Croes 4, Hatchets 4, Creepers 2, which last we shall have occasion to make use of for the following If the relation and account Mr. Baker hath from the Natives of Chapalier when there, proves true, as to the place and depth of water where the unfortunate Norris was blown up, it is no wonder if all the endeavours that have been formerly used in search of that wreck proved vain and ineffectual by the mistake of so much distance as is from the place and depth of water they formerly believed the ship to have been lost, and the place where Mr. Baker with more seeming certainty had from the Natives of Chapalier as aforesaid, having when there taken a draught of the Island and severall bearings and depth of water thereabouts, Copie of which he is now about perfecting to be sent your Honours, as also his warehouse accounts to the time Mr. Tillard left Metchlepatam; and so of the rest to the time they arrived here.

This Demonstrative probability Messrs. Faunce and Baker gives us of gaining some of the Norris Treasure makes us take the Problem, and shall consult the best ways and means we can by the best councill and advice we can gain, of the most experienced in such like Cases, to exert and practise our utmost endeavours in what may be done in this matter, so soon as your three ships now in this Road shall be dispatched hence for England, where pray God send them to arrive in safety.

Upon the examination of Accounts with your Merchants we find that the Goods of the first two Investments proves dearer by 12½ per cent more than those provided by the Old Company's Merchants, and that for these reasons viz^{t}: that at the time your late President arrived at Metchlepatam when discoursing with these Merchants and by other Intelligences he found, that the Old Companies and the Dutch Companies Merchants there had anticipated your Honours and taken up and fully imployed all the Severall Weavers in the Countries about, which made it a hard matter to prevail with these Merchants to induce them to make any Contract, because the Weaver's hands being full, they would not increase their Loomes, unless they advanced money and raised the price of the Severall Sorts and Species of goods they were to make, the Expence and charge of bringing in their Cloth so often hindered and impeded by the power and Interest of their opposite party, with the Countrey Government, whose favour to clear their goods the Merchants were obliged to buy and purchase as trading without any Phirmaund, which Narran who has been many years the Old Companies Dubash here of his own knowledge declares to be true.

At or about the time of making your third Contract, Severall of the Old Companies Merchants fell off and joyned themselves with the former Set of

Merchants who had never been ingaged by any Contract with the Old Company, and then it was that an abatement was made near to the prices of the said Old Companies goods, but the great charges of their Carriage bringing them in out of the Countrey continued the same.

There was no abatement on the 4th Contract, but was the same with the 3rd Contract, saveing that in Sorting the Goods the Severall Species were reduced to lower Numbers, which the Merchants say was a great hardship on them &c^{a}.

The Redwood procured by Quollo Vincatadree your Dubash was at the rate of Pagodas $3\frac{1}{2}$ per Candy, the same afterwards procured by Quollo Narso some at Pag^{s}: $3\frac{1}{4}$ and after him, provided by Perria the present Dubash for Pag^{s}: $3\frac{1}{8}$ per Candy, the differences of which prices with that of the Old Companies here, was formerly at $2\frac{1}{2}$ Pa: but now at $2\frac{1}{4}$ Pa: per Candy, which seems to be that the providing of Redwood at Metchlepatam was till then impracticable, the length and thickness of those Timbers much exceeding the small Sort used here in the kentiledge of your homebound shipping, and we remember that such large Timbers have cost here 4 Pagodas and upwards per Candy, when those large Sorts were a good commodity in China, to which place yours (as we understand) seemes to have been designed, besides the Redwood Merchants paid to Captain Kolman Commander of the Catherine who went with his ship to Kisnapatam River to carry away the Timber thence at the rate of five pounds a day as Demurage for the space of 23 or 24 days.

We have likewise strictly inquired and examin'd the matter of the Dustore given by your late President and Council to the chief Dubash, who received the same from your Merchants in consideration that the Dubash was to make good any money they might have occasion at any time to send into the Countrey to procure your Cloth, in case any of the same might have the ill fate to be taken or robbed by the way, the Dustore was likewise appropriated to Severall other ends and uses, as may more plainly appear by a translate of a Paper delivered us by the present Dubash Peria, which comes herewith, to which we humbly refer.

Upon the whole it cannot be otherwise said, but that your goods (especially the first two Contracts) were dear bought, and that we may not be partial, it is likewise true that there were so many concurrent accidents, which seemes to excuse their dearness to the necessity your new Settlement laboured under, to which Fort St. George in those days did not contribute a little, but those difficulties your President did at length weather and surmount, by gaining a great esteeme with all the Countrey Government in those parts.

Tho' we say (as already recited) it was the 13th December last before we ended our examination with your Merchants, yet more properly speaking we had finished some dayes before, but continued our utmost endeavours by all the ways and arguments we could think of to induce and persuade the Merchants to make an abatement to your Honours which we so often inculcated to them from time to time to the aforesaid day, when on the 14th December they came all in a body and delivered to us a gentue writing, declaring to us it contain'd their last full and finall resolution of making no abatement, which was signed by them all, which occasioned us in so great an affair to address ourselves in writing to the President and Council on the 17th said month; in the interim or space of time betwixt our said paper and receiving their answer in writing the 2d instant, the President spoke his sentiments to us, when in the United Council, to which was opposed the Consultation of the 5th October last, where it was accounted as good service to your Honours to take up on your Credit money at 10*s.* 6*d.* per Pagoda to satisfy in good part your Debt to the Merchants, the hint was taken as mentioned in their answer, but strangely stretched above the true intent and meaning of said Consultation at first, as may more plainly appear by their answer dated the primo instant, to which we humbly refer, because we shall not offer our own Sentiments on the matter, least it should seem to reflect.

The Corral sent out on the Somers we have not yet receiv'd, but is left behind in Bengall, though the Captain arriv'd this Port the 4th Instant, of whom

we demanded the same in complyance with his bills of lading; he told us the mistake and how it came to be left behind, but hoped the two Chests would be sent hither either by the Westmorland or Fleet Frigot; these two ships arriv'd here the 18th Instant, but brought us no Corrall, which has been a great disappointment to us, severall Merchants here inquiring for the same to buy it of us; this was chiefly occasioned by a generall Letter from Fort St. George to the Council for the United Trade in Bengall leaving it to them, to let out to freight for Persia, or dispatch for England or send hither in the proper Season any of the United Companies ships as themselves thought fit with what of the Somers Cargo they had no occasion for there, in case they should dispose of that ship otherwise, although it was then said that said ship brought out severall things on freight for this place, as well as your Honours two Chests for Corrall, but this availed us nothing; the Somers in Bengall was ordered to unlade all her Europe Cargo there, so as to be ready in due time to proceed for Persia, and tho' those Gentlemen some time after altered their first resolution, yet the Corrall being sent ashore it was forgot to be sent on board again, and this is all that the Captain has to say for himselfe whom we shall oblige to give us a writing under his hand, that the hazard and Risco of bringing the Corrall here shall be wholly and Solely on the said Captain's Account; Bengall being no proper Market for the Sale of that Commodity.

We have used our utmost endeavours to procure money on Bills at 10*s.* 6*d.* per Pagoda but to no purpose, for in the first Place the Towne is very bare of money, and then those that has any had rather let it out at Respondentia which is now at least fifty per cent; Its true we have had the offer of Severall Small Summes amounting to about one thousand Pagodas at 10*s.* 6*d.* per Pagoda but it being so inconsiderable, we think it more for your Honours Credit to forbear till a good round Summe is procurable, but how we shall be able to stop the Merchant's Mouths (who are growne very Clamorous) we know not at present, tho' we had lately offered us a Summe of money at 11*s.* per Pagoda which we thought not fit to accept of at so high a rate of Exchange, but our utmost endeavours shall not be wanting to procure what money we can to discharge some part of that great debt now standing out, but believe shall not be able to procure the whole, mean time shall pay them what we have of the amount of the outcry money of yours in our hands.

We do therefore offer it as our humble opinion to your Honours that if you could send out broad Cloth ord^{ry}: $\frac{2}{3}$ red and $\frac{1}{3}$ green to the amount of 8 or £ 10,000 Sterling it might be disposed of here to advantage to compensate in some measure the great growing Interest, but if this should seem strange, as being contrary to the rules and Constitution of the United Trade, we have this to say that the Old Company themselves have occasion to do the like for Bengall, where they owe much the like Summe, and pay a higher Interest of 12 per cent but if this can be obtained the United must send out none, upon any of their own shipping to depreciate yours in their Sales.

If Corrall can be had at reasonable rates, believe two or three thousand pounds worth may sell well, but what has been sent out of late years has been bought so dear that it would not fetch near prime costs.

Notwithstanding what we have before said relating to the ship Norris wreck, yet upon second thoughts and inquiry we have further considered that the Season of the year is so much spent and too late for any such undertaking this year by reason next month the winds will be variable and set in southerly which always make rough Seas of Dieu point, the best Season being the monthes of December and January at which time the North East and Easterly winds make Smooth water in those parts, and the reason it has not been done this season was that a great many of the Northern great Boats were lost and cast away in their way hither in the month of November last, and the United Companies small Craft were laid up in Cuddolore River and did not arrive here till about the 20th this month and brought the United Bales thence hither and are so still employed, but when the proper time comes, we shall send such vessells as shall be thought fit

for that purpose, but our greatest fear is that the ground whereabouts the Norris bottom sunck proves about some 2 or 3 feet Ozie as Mr. Baker says the Natives there told him.

The Errors in Accounts sent us out we cannot trace back into their first cause, Mr. Tillard haveing carried home with him those books and Europe Invoices; but the Error of Chundorzuja Shroff of Rupees 2080 is for Copper Dudos sent on a Boat to Maddapollam on the 30th May 1702, for which they ought to have debted that Factory and Credited to Shroff, which is accordingly rectified in the after Cash Books.

We have just now disposed and sold off the 24 Gunns before mentioned in this Letter at Pa: 1½ per cwt. which is the utmost we could get, and considering the great quantity come out upon the Somers to be sent hither from Bengall makes us think we have done the best for your Honours which will add something to the amount of the Publick Sales of your remaines which we are collecting in as fast as people pay (which is slow enough) to deliver your Merchants to defray their Charges and expences here upon the place, and to tasherife[1] them before they goe home to their own Countrey who are to set out hence next week. So wishing all prosperity to your Affairs, we respectfully remaine.

Hon[ble]: Sirs
Your Hon[rs]: most faithfull
humble servants
WILL: FRASER
THO[s]: WRIGHT.

FORT ST. GEORGE
Jan. 30th, 1705–6.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. FEBRUARY 4, 1706. RECEIVED PER FLEET FRIGOTT, MARCH 7, 1707. *Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 77. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was the 9th and 26th January by the Sommers.

2. Reason for Loading so few Bales on the Westmoreland and Fleet was because they had so much China Ware on board which could not take out.

3. Have about 1300 Bales on the Coast so shall provide to dispatch the Loyall Cook and Loyall Merchant in September.

4. Answer enclosed from Negapatam about a report of one of the Company's Ships threatning to take an Manilha Ship.

5. 300 Pagodas advanced to the Fleet frigot on Account of Charterparty: 610 Pagodas laid out for Masts for the Westmoreland repaid.

6. If a Ship come from the West Coast shall dispatch her speedily.

7. A Frenchman sent on the Westmoreland Prisoner to be put among the French Prisoners and a Chineese who stab'd his fellow Souldier sent a Slave to St. Helena.

8. Invoice and Bill of Lading of the Fleet inclosed.

Signed
THO[s]: PITT
WM: FRASER
THO[s]: WRIGHT
M. EMPSON
WM: MARTIN
ROB[T]: RAWORTH
THO[s]: FREDERICK.

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[1] Conferring honour upon any one, as by paying him a visit, presenting a dress of honour or any complementary donation.—*Wilson.*

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE [OLD] COMPANY. FEBRUARY 6, 1706. RECEIVED PER WESTMORELAND, MAY 27, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 61, *No.* 8436. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE: GOVERNOUR DEPUTY & COMMITTEES FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^B: GOVERNOUR & COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble: Sirs,

Our last to you was dated the 9th and 28th past month per ship Somers, who sail'd hence the ultimo ditto, Duplicate of which comes inclosed, with Copy of the Invoice of Goods sent you by said Ship, since which nothing of moment has happen'd but what we have wrott now the Hon^ble: Mannagers, Copy of which comes in the Packet, with Invoice and Bill of Loading for what Goods Loaden on these two Ships Westmoreland and Fleet Friggat both amounting to Pagodas 5083: 35 : 3, and more we could not get into them by reason they came filled up with China Ware from Bengall, but on the September Ships we again assure you your Goods shall be Laden. We are

Hon^ble: Sirs
Your most faithfull and Obedient
humble Servants
THO: PITT
THO: WRIGHT
M: EMPSON
THO: FREDERICK.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
6th February 1705–6.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 9, 1706. RECEIVED PER FLEET FRIGOT MARCH 12, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. 1, p.* 77. (*India Office transcript*).]

Westmoreland and Fleet Frigot dispatcht the 6th the Captains went off shore the 7th Todington arrived this day shall dispatch her in 3 or 4 days.

Signed
THO^S: PITT
WM. FRASER
THO^S: WRIGHT
WM. MARTIN
ROB^T: RAWORTH
THO^S: FREDERICK.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 20, 1706. RECEIVED PER TODINGTON FEBRUARY 19, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. 1, p.* 78 (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was the 4th instant by the Fleet frigott and Westmoreland they were wind bound till the 11th.

2. Refer to Mr. Marshall for the Account of Captain Beawes of the Albemarls threatning to take their Manilha ship and the prejudice don to the Company by frightening the Armenians freighters who took out their money and staid at Mallacca.

3. Hear the English are drove off Atcheen Mr. Bugden and others killed Mr. Griffith and others wounded Mr. Delton also has left the place.

4. Copy of Mr. Cuningham's Letter at Cochinchina brought by Mr. Hinmers enclosed.

5. 65 tons Petre laden on the Todington on the terms of other ships 47 Bales laden for the Old Company.

6. Copys of the Todington Supra Cargo's Invoice, Bill Lading and Account Currant enclosed but have not time to copy their books.

7. Said Supra Cargos and Captain brought some tea which would not sell so have suffered them to relade it on the Todington.

8. Copper, &c. China Goods will not sell, most of the Sidney's Cargo unsold.

9. Todington Invoice is Pag^{s}: 27,192 : 21 : 1: with the Bill Lading enclosed.

P. S. Warehousekeeper's Account of what wanting in the Todington enclosed.

Signed
THO^{S}: PITT
WM. FRASER
THO^{S}: WRIGHT
M. EMPSON
W. MARTIN
ROB^{T}; RAWORTH
THO^{S}: FREDERICK.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 20, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYAL COOKE, OCTOBER 11, 1707. [*O.C. Vol.* 61, *No.* 8443. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE}: GOV^{R}: DEPUTY & COMMITTEES FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T} HON^{BLE}: GOV^{R}: & COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^{ble}: Sirs,

Our last to you was the 6th Instant Copy of which comes Inclos'd, and Copy of what wee now write the Managers upon the best Information wee have from the Gentlemen of this ship from China. Wee are sorry there's no probability of recovering a Penny of Anquas Debt.

Wee have loaded on this ship for your Account 47 Bales amounting to as per Invoice Pag^{s}: 2,126 : 13 : 3, and Bill of Loading for the same comes Inclos'd, our Services to you all. Wee are

Hon^{ble}: Sirs,
Your most faithfull & obedient humble Servants,

THO^{S}: PITT
THO^{S}: WRIGHT
MATT^{W}: EMPSON
THO^{S}. FREDERICK.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th Feb^{ry}. 1705–6.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1706-1707.

LETTER FROM DUKE FAUNCE AND PHILIP BAKER, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYALL COOKE, SEPTEMBER 22, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8457. (*India Office transcript*).]

To the Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors
for Affaires of the R^{t}. Hon^{ble}. English Company
trading to the East Indies.

Honrd. Sirs,

Your letter of the 2nd March 1705 we received of Captain Newman Commander of the Tankerville on her arrivall the 15th August 1706 and take due notice of your Hon^{rs}. Commands therein and in Conformity thereto have acquainted Mr. Raworth we have received the Hon^{ble}. Courts Orders for delivering him what Accounts are yet depending between the Company and us which we have deliver'd him to remitt Your Honours and we hope will meet with your favourable Approbation; If any mistakes have happen'd in our Accounts and come to the Hon^{ble}. Court incorrect which might be occasion'd through the hurry we were in when ship'd off the Goods and the many troubles We met with in Metchlepattam from the Government and in our Passage hither; We humbly desire the Consideration hereof may for the Present excuse us, till We are acquainted with our faults which We shall be always ready to amend.

Your Honours was pleased to acquaint us you had reason to Suspect the Company have been very ill used by Mr. Tillard and others in the matter of the Bills of Exchange drawn on you for the Payment of Your Debt to the Black Merchants and Supposing an Affaire of so great Concern which made such Noise could not but reach our Ears at Metchlepatam which induced the Hon^{ble}. Court to demand what account we can give of that Affaire and to Lay their Commands on us to make what inquiry We can into the truth of the matter and also to give our Sentiments thereon, all which as 'tis our Duty so we shall now and always endeavour to acquaint your Honours with whatsoever might have been, or may be acted to the prejudice or disinterest of the Company, as far as what is intended or done within the reach of our knowledge, but Your Honours are Sensible if any such abuses were practized they might be effected and we know nothing of matter, at that time being 270 Miles from Fort St. George at a Place abandon'd by all English but ourselves, and the mean Employs we were in rendering us but little Correspondence with People of Note at the Fort, So that we were Strangers to this Affaire, and have no other Light into it but what We may imaginarily Infer from the Gentlemens advanceing their own Money for Payment of so dangerous a Debt as they gave it out to be, and to serve those they all along held to be their Enemies, (whom yet they wont afford a good word) from which We may reasonably Conclude some Siniste[r] Interest to be the Indueing Motive, that Put them upon doing the New Company Such a Signal Service (as they are pleas'd to term it) in Paying their Debt, saving their Credit, and Runing the Risque of their own money, in which if they had perceiv'd the least Danger, Wee are fully Perswaded the Concern for the New Companys Credit (which they daily undervalue) wou'd but lightly Affect them; many Such Inferences might be drawn from such Consideration as We suppose Your Honours have already, but 'twill be a matter of great Difficulty to prove the Certainty of their Compaou[n]ding the Debt with the Black Merchants though they themselves are the Sufferers thereby, Your Honours very well knowing (We Suppose) that the black people can by no human Compulsion or Perswasion be wrought upon to Confess themselves, or Complices Guilty of Ill Actions that Deserve Punishment, or Disgrace, for they are very Recluse when they have made use of any clandestine practises.

Duke Faunce is at Fort St. David but Philip Baker at Fort St. George who hath made it a main part of his business to Endeavour the discovery of this abuse, but can't procure any Proof thereof; We are sorry the Company shou'd be so illy used, and not in our Power to give them any light into the matter.

We hope Your Honours have no reason to take any Displeasure against us, on this account since 'twas an Affaire Transacted without the Reach of our Eyes or Ears, for if the Company was so abused, be sure 'twas with great care kept from our knowledge, and we must not forgett to add that Wee believe what Mr. Tillard Acted in that Affaire (in which he had a great deale of trouble) was with Intention of doing the Company the best Service in his Power, and 'tis our opinion that those with whom he was necessitated to Consult made their advantage of his necessity, advising more for their own private Interest then for the Good of the Company, and here is a Braehman belonging to the Company yet with a small matter of Instruction knows how to dress up a Grievance to the best advantage, and express himself in proper English, as may be seen by the Merchants last Petition Deliver'd the United Councell against the New Company, which Philip Baker saw reuder'd into English by him very lately, a Copy of which We Suppose Your Honours have from the United Councill.

'Tis certain that Naran was down at Metchlepatam, and Came under Pretence of buying Goods for the United Company and that our Merchants flock'd about him, who Perswaded them to Come to Fort St. George, telling them that Governor Pitt Promised to assit them in their business, this We had from the Black Merchants and People at Metchlepatam, at the same time Mr. Tillard adviseing the Merchants not to come to the Fort as appears by his Letters to us of the [. . .].

If We happen to fall into Discourse concerning this abuse the People here seeme to justifie the fact replying in this manner what is it to the New Company how we buy the Merchants Bonds if any such thing was, or what Consideration they make us for Paying the money, Since We Pay the Companys Debts, and the Merchants Satisfied, but our Replys are that We judge there's a kind of Detraction used herein which from a single Person's Good Name is look'd upon as bad as picking his Pockett, and We esteem it the same in those that act so basely by the Company, Rendring them mean, and Contemptable, incapacitated to Satisfie their Creditors, which they most certainly must have done before the Black Merchants could be prevail'd with to part with so Considerable a share of their Debt; which any Indifferent Person that knows these Countrey People, is Satisfied they have not so little esteem for money, to part with it easyly, and upon the whole We think such practises seems to be tinctured both with Detraction and Extortion, first with Detraction by Ruining the New Companys Creditt, and Secondly of Extortion by exacting on their Necessitys, which most Probably was made more Pressing by those who had great Summs to Remitt home, in whose Power it Lay either to Ease or Oppress, whether they made any advantage thereof may be guess'd at by the uncommon Exchange they made 'em pay.

We have nothing more to add at present but our most due Respects to the Hon^ble^. Court, Assureing Your Honours that We shall make what further scruteny we can into the matter, between this and the return of the January shipping, when We shall transmitt the Hon^ble^. Court all We can learn of this Affaire.

We are Hon^rd^. Sirs,
Your Hon^rs^. most faithful Humble Servants

Fort St. George,
September 11, 1706.

Duke Faunce
Philip Baker.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 12, AND OCTOBER 9, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYALL COOKE, OCTOBER 13, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I., p.* 81. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was of the 20th February 1705–6 per Todington who Sail'd the 23th. 15th August arrived the Tankerville with the Letters of the 13th and 20th February and 21 March 1705–6.

FIRST CONCERNING YOUR SHIPPING COME OUT OR RETURNING.

2. Glad to understand by the Tankerville the Companys Ships arrived safely.

3. Part of the Tankervilles Stores not delivered, expect them at her return from the Bay.

4. Sorry the Trade is so clogged they practice frugality.

5. Refer to the Strethams Supra Cargos to give a faithfull Account of their own management.

6. The Governour has the Secrett Pacquett and will open and observe its contents.

Pags. fan. Cash.

7. Advised formerly of letting to freight the Loyall Merchant 521 : 28 : 40 paid on her Account as per Consultation of the 14th May; account of the Damage for which it was paid is enclosed; she returned with the Loyall Cooke from Persia the 18th July; Captain Lodge dead and for being defective was put out of the Service 1st August; Supply'd the Captain with 1,000 Pagodas as per Consultation; he Sailed to Bengall the 13th to repair 68 Pag^{s}. paid for Pilotage on Account [o]f the Loyall Merchant which if he do's not repay please to stop.

8. Nathaniel arrived 12th May with only 40 ton of Lead let to freight for the Bay and Persia the 30th for 5,000 Pagodas; Charterparty money paid the Captain as per receipt; he sail'd for the Bay the 26th June.

9. The Frederick arrived from Bombay 6th June with a Letter from the Generall and Councill; She had 18 Chests Treasure which they coyned 4th July; She Sail'd for the Bay.

10. Aurungzebe arrived Point de Galle last Month; the Captains Letter to the Company sent.

11. Hear the Oley Frigott has been at Batavia.

12. Loyall Hester let on freight to Persia and dropt to pieces cleaning at Kishmish her Stores saved by the Captain.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

13. Broadcloth per Tavistock and Martha sold for the most could be gott; could not sell it but for time the Silver sold with little profitt to the Buyers and bought in May after for 16¼ Dollars for 10 Pagodas without which the Loyall Merchant must have layn by the Walls that Sale honestly mannaged.

14. Woollen Cloth at Vizagapatam would not as [we]? believe sell for more than 10 per cent profit.

15. Shall encourage the Consumption of the Woollen Goods and that you may gett by it but must sell it at such profit as to encourage Buyers to come again and encrease the Vend.

16. Martha's Broadcloth not so good as the Tavistocks and none so good as what the Old Company used to send.

17. Desire only Stores and goods as wrote for which will be for the Companys profitt.

18. Wine Complain'd of what is brewed will not keep; desire Wine Rosewater and fruit from Persia and now and then 3 or 4 horses which they will take care shall be brought at little or no Charge.

19. China goods still Continue low; the Todingtons Copper sent to the Bay; The Trade to China Spoilt by the Chineese impositions.

20. Expect the Hallifaxes Cordage from the Bay.

21. Sommers Silver Sold the 8th March for 16½ Dollars for 10 Pagodas.

22. The Sommers Wine offered to Sale but would not go off so sent 12 Chests for the Bay.

lb. oz.

23. 5 : 5 wanting in the Fredericks Silver as per Consultation 27th June Tankervilles Silver Sold at 16½ Dollars to Coyn and 16¼ for 10 Pagodas for exportation as per Consultation 19th August.

24. Tankervilles Broadcloth sold at 25 per Cent on Invoice except the Blacks Blews and Cloth Colours and what kept for the Garrison to be paid for in a Month or 10 per Cent Interest.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

25. Shall continue Investments on the terms ordered wherein no Inconveniency will be to the Investments are enlarged perhaps Custom may obviate that too.

26. Have ordered the like method of Investments at Vizagapatam with liberty to advance money on very good security but not else.

27. Have Stock for the Tankerville and Loyall Merchant; could not Coyn the Tankervilles Silver in time nor dispatch her till the 29th to the Bay.

28. Are advised Silver sells well in the Bay thô rupees somewhat better the Batty on Madrass rupees there is 9 per cent and on Siccas but 9½.

29. Their Investments are as per Letter received.

30. 300 Bales of goods and some red wood sent on the Tankerville to the Bay 600 Candy Redwood sent on 2 other Ships.

31. Cotton very dear the Army and bad weather destroying great part of the Crop; could not in April last perswade the Merchants to an Investment; the Todingtons Copper 2 or 3 Lotts selling between 47 and 48 Pagodas per Candy and falling sent the rest being 420 Candy on the Nathaniel and Frederick for the Bay.

32. Wrote to St. Davids in May to make an Investment on the terms of the last but could not prevail so desisted resolved not to advance.

33. 7,000 Pagodas taken up at Interest for 2 months and repaid.

34. 50,000 Rupees of the Fredericks Treasure sent before on the Nathaniel for the Bay.

FOURTHLY AS TO THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTION WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

35. Formerly advised of the misfortune that befell Messrs. Griffith and Bugden at Atcheen.

36. Have had no troubles of late with the Moores who know they can't frighten easily but must have men to defend the Place Walls alone will not do it.

37. Some Months since the Armenian who formerly gave them trouble procured a Gusbardar[1] from Court to demand some of the Inhabitants as per Letters from the Nabob Duan and Buxee who resided at St. Thoma Suitable Answer was given them Buxee Gusbardar came to the Governour and desired to see the Towne but said nothing of the Matter so hope shall be troubled with no more such bugbears.

38. 'Twas a new Nabob that came to Vizagapatam; it is always customary to present him or a new Duan Buxee or Governour where the Company have Settlements for which they give grants for the Trade to go on as formerly else all business will be stopt.

39. Mr. Fawcett was order'd to pull down the old Factory at Madapollam but was opposed by the Government who said nobody would thrive in the New

[1] *Goorzeburdar*, P. *gurz-bardār*, a mace-bearer, whose business it is to preserve order in assemblies, to carry the King's orders, and execute his commands with the utmost speed.—*Hobson-Jobson*.

nor would the Merchants creditt him for 150 Pag^{e}. to buy firewood for Madrass as per his Letters N^{os}. 63 and 72.

40. Pulo Condore Settlement miscarry'd; wish Benjar may answer expectation.

41. Advised formerly of sending a Sloop to Mallacca to advise about the French Ships; She was ordered to go to Condore but drove on the Cochin China Shore where the People suffered much as per Captains Ridgleys Petition enter'd 8 March; they paid his ballance being Pags. 655 : f. 4 : c. 40; the Inhabitants gave him a present.

42. 11th April arrived 2 Pegue Embassadors to go to the Mogull with a present who went on their Journey and returned back the roads being so dangerous and will go with the Duan from St. Thoma; their Letters and the Answer entered in the Letter Book.

43. Nabob ranging about the country was expected at Madrass but did not come Letter wrote by him expecting a present so sent him 100 bottles liquor when the Buxee visited them the 20th Aprill made him the Accustomary present and the Armenian whom they protected paid for it.

44. 29April received the Nabobs Perwannas for the Wracks of Mr^{s} Holcombs Ships which are entered in the Consultation to be cited as precedents if Occasion.

45. Letter received from the Duan offering the whole Trade of that Coast and to exclude the Dutch which is entered in the Countrey Letter Book the Governours Answer comes in the Packett Letters from the Atcheen Shabander[1] and Orumkey[2] with the Governours Answer entered 14th May and 5 June.

46. 14 June 6 Large Dutch Ships passed by to the Southward and the 28th 4 more Suppose in expectation of the French.

47. 14April Letter received from Mr. Delton at Vizagapatam with a heavy Char[g]e against Mr. Griffith who being wounded and put on board Mr. Deltons Ship in which was all his Estate run away with her severall of the Madrass Inhabitants effects also on board hearing Griffith was at Gallee wrote to stop him but he was gon as reported to Atcheen his Dyary found among his papers its Copy sent.

48. The Dutch at war with the Javans which they wish well over they have paid themselves at Suratt and continue to aw[e] that port.

49. Two Danes Ships arrived one in June other in July will dispatch them in a Month with Long Cloth and Pepper.

50. The Inland roads being so dangerous makes goods imported cheap and exported dear Merchants loth to hazard their Moneys troubles expected on the Kings death for some years he last year took a considerable place from the Morattas they retook it and the Nabob has taken it again.

Fifthly as to your Fortifications and Revenues.

51. Shall be at no Charges about Fortifications &c^{a}. but where necessary.

52. Report about the unequall assessment of the people on the Towne Wall was sent by the Queen what further progress therein will advise in its place all the Europeans in the Councill and place are not English; Natives live better at Madrass than anywhere else in India but while plow with an Ox and an Ass no great matters can be effected.

53. Shall yearly send account of expences and keep sufficient Provisions to prevent the Government Straitening us.

54. Wonder nobody gives the Company account of the Beetle Tobacco and Arrack Farms; the two first Sold without the Towne for one third of what within and the Arrack half as Cheap aboundance of Hutts who sell it about the towne whither the People go to feast on it who don't live on their labour the opressions

[1] Persian *Shah-bandar*: An officer at native ports all over the Indian Seas who was the chief authority with whom foreign traders and ship-masters had to transact.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

[2] *Orankay.* From Malay *OrangKáya.* In the Archipelago, a person of distinction.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

of the Governours makes the Natives flock to Madrass; the renters of the Farms worth little; nothing but fear makes them comply with their lease.

55. Supra Cargos of the Stretham paid Custom for what they landed.

56. Shall order those at Fort St. Davids hereafter to break the Custom of bringing into the Revenue what their Merchants pay.

57. The Measuring Duty now fixed at 200 Pagodas per annum as per Consultation of the 28th March.

58. Have let the Wine Licence to the Arrack Farmer for 200 Pagodas which is not a rack rent as per Consultation of the 30th May.

59. Have had great trouble to raise the Money for building the towne wall as per Consultations 6th, 11th and 25th July and 12th instant; have assest every Cast and they are now under Confinement till they pay it.

SIXTHLY TOUCHING FACTORS WRITERS OFFICERS AND SOULDIERS AND THEIR ACCOUNTS.

60. The Account now kept up and Journall Parcells read in Consultation Monthly shall punish the Negligent.

61. Accounts with Subordinate Factorys are adjusted and errors rectifyed shall send duplicates of the books yearly.

62. Accounts of Stores are in the Generall Books and the Storekeepers book comes with them.

63. Shall have the Consultations margined and Indexed.

64. Shall discharge Thomas Holden when he desires it and observe the orders about Messrs Coningsby and Molineux; Thomas Cooke under the Land Customer is diligent and Sober.

65. Have received 4 Souldiers want 400 reason for not allowing the Souldiers more pay who have served 5 years.

66. No Complaint about the Secretarys fees that Place is so fatigueing none who are able will undertake it, it is hard if the Council are not proper judges of what fees he should take.

67. Mr. Farmer went home on the Westmoreland.

68. Mr. Vic. Griffith dy'd at St. Davids. Mr. Barrow dy'd at Madrass 10th August.

69. Mr. Shingle is at the West Coast. Mr. Faunce of the Councill at St. Davids.

70. Mr. Gulston Addison deserves well merit more to be considered than Station but all are not Judges of it.

71. Mr. Wigmore refuses to sign his Bond and Covenants because he has no Counterpart.

72. Fear'd there might have been some Complaint because the free Merchants are recommended to be encouraged none have just reason to Complain all are encouraged that deserve it.

73. Henry Watson went home last year.

74. George Snell dy'd intestate the 11th April Pags. 687 f. 5 c. 13 of his Effects paid into Cash being the ballance of his Account as enclosed.

75. Mr. William Finch discharged as he desired the 18 July.

76. Mr. Stephen Frewen dy'd 30th May at Vizagapatam Mr. Francis Hastings appointed Provisionall Chief 6,000 Pagodas sent thither the 24th August on the Rising Sun Smack with orders to provide Bettellees and return what Bales they had.

77. Mr. Petty and Mr. Fleetwood Supra Cargos of the Loyall Cook dy'd in Persia.

78. New Company having order'd none of their Chief Servants to Marry the Native women the Councill desires it may be recognized to prevent ill Consequences; Governour will not consent to pay money to such nor sit with them in Councill.

SEVENTHLY AS TO FORTS &C.ᴬ SUBORDINATE TO THIS PRESIDENCY.

79. Hearing the Mogull had issued Severe orders against all Europeans and that the Nabob was march'd to the Southward sent a Smack with 30 Souldiers and Officers the 26th February as per Consultation and they returned the 12th April.

80. Refer to the Consultation of the 9th March what they advised to Fort St. Davids touching a present to the Nabob.

81. The 28th March agreed with the Vizagapatam Merchants for better carrying on the Investments and what owing by them as per Consultation.

EIGHTHLY TOUCHING AFFAIRS OF THE WEST COAST.

82. In the 9th paragraph of the Letter of the 18th January the ill management of the West Coast is resented but omitted to say more of it were about preventing it when that Coast was made independant the Governour in all his Letters to Mr. Watts complain'd of ill management which made them apprehend he would call them to account and therefore promised fairly if they were made independant and then in defiance to advice or Checks did worse.

83. On their drawing Bills were wrote to, to know how the money was paid into Cash and if it was the produce of goods why could not the Companys goods be sent the produce of which might buy pepper they sent word it would not nor would they send a List of what Cargos they wanted in goods; what the Old Company sent they let ly in the Godowns since they have been independant will suffer none to trade but with the Chief and now will not accept no Consignment unless will take 25 per cent on returns.

84. 27th February arrived the Hugliana Ketch from the West Coast with news of Mr. Watts's death and the Generall Letter by her advises the drawing 49,057 Dollars on the Councill which is entered No. 26 the 28th February in Consultation refusing to pay them; refer to the Consultation 8th March why paid them and why they resolved to return the Ketch thither with goods and stores and proper Persons on the 11th entertained Mr. Glassell Mr. Wright and Mr. Dean to be of Council there; refer to the Consultation for the Caution they used and to the Instructions &c.ª enter'd No. 24, 25, 26 in the Letter Book; sent a Cargo of Pagodas 6,266 as per Particulars in the Books a Chest of Medicines and 10 Lascars; refer to their Letters wherein they complain the Settlements undon if don't pay their Bills charged by the Nathaniel 3,730 Dollars in Bills which agreed to pay 23rd May and via Bengall 5,390 Pagodas ⅝ which agreed to pay 24 August so that since the Todingtons departure have paid 58,177 Pagodas ⅝ and yet have sent Empty the Queen Loyall Merchant and Nathaniel.

NINETHLY NEWS RELATING TO THE FRENCH.

85. Hearing the French had fitted out a Sampan[1] with 60 Europeans they hired the Rising Eagle and put on board her 50 Souldoers and 10 Gun room Crew and sent her to Cruiz the Governour dispatcht her the 14th July and 18th communicated the Instructions he gave but hearing the French vessells was come in again and hawl'd ashore wrote to St. Davids and ordered the Eagle's return which she did the 6th August for her hire gave the owners 200 Pagodas and the Commander 50; Letters Lodg'd at Negapatam, and Trincombar during the Southerly Monsoon to advise the English ships how affairs are on the Coast.

TENTHLY CONCERNING SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS.

86. Sir George Mathews with the great and Little London arrived with the Tankerville; observe what wrote about him in the Letters of the 18th January and 21th March which orders are repugnant to the licence; beleive nobody will Venture to Search his Ship or Condemn anything belonging to him or do anything to embroyl themselves for the Company don't promise to indemnify them however will act prudently to preserve the Companys Interest he sold guns Iron and Liquors for 3 or 4000 Pagodas Sail'd to Bengall the 30 August and the Little London the 10th September; expects the Armenians will freight him for Persia; the Danes resolving to send no more Ships thither for fear of the Muscatters who cruize 2 or 3 together in the Gulph no Countrey Ship can Scape

[1] A kind of small boat used on the Indian shores.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

them they were Sawcy to the Loyall Merchant and Hester as they went up the Gulph; Mr. Lovell and Mr. Scattergood gon to Bengall to freight on the London think it hard to Confine the English when can't the Armenians &c^{a}. better to call them to account in England if they transgress than leave it to be don in India; these 2 Ships going to Persia will gain the Company reputation yet can't think She will return with much to England.

9th October 1706.

88. The above is what occurr'd to the 12th 7ber.

89. Mr. Edmund Mountague coming from Fort St. Davids on private business the Governour proposed him for Sea Customer as per Consultation of 12th 23th September which is recommended to be perused.

90. Refer to Consultation of 29th August and 12th September about the Merchants demands of the New Companys debt; their Dubashes paper for paying Custom taken up.

91. Have at last made a new contract for Callicoes at Madrass and St. Davids on the terms of last year as per Consultations 12th 14th September have sent 29,000 Pagodas to St. Davids and shall more.

92. The Casts are collecting the money for the Town wall.

93. Have paid 10,000 Pagodas part of 87,322 Pags. : 9 f. owing to the Old Company.

94. Four Casks of Seed Pearl laden on this Ship for account of Mr. Hall Supra Cargo of the Loyall Cooke.

95. Huglyana Ketch returned from the West Coast 24th 7ber. Copy of the Letter by her from thence enclosed. 14,188 Dollars: 3: 1 more drawn on them which 28th past were accepted as per Consultation; shall caution all vessells taking Bills on them but not prohibit them till hear from the new Governour which hear is sending thither. Refer to the Letter sent and their Answer to see what regard they have of advice from the Fort; never received any List of Goods from them only of Stores; the Answer they give to the Complaints of Extravagant Expences is— the charge will be but little when the buildings are finished; who gave them orders to build refer to the Company; the Old Company used to send Copys to Madrass of their Letters to Bencoolen; had that practice been continued and the Place dependant should have prevented the Charges; fruitless to be at such Charge where the Place is subject to earthquakes; their Labourers at Bencoolen and Bentall cost 200 Dollars a day; the Place being independant hope shall not be blamed for their ill management; had their Bills been once refused the place had been undon.

96. Huglyana sending to Bengall to refitt to be return'd up or sent to the West Coast with Petre.

97. Have bought of the New Companys Merchants Izarees which were sold the New Company at 26 Pag^{a}: per Corge and Oringall Bettelles at above 30 now at 20 Pagodas together.

98. Sold the Broadcloth Black Blew and Cloth Colours being unsaleable there at 15 per cent advance.

99. Secrett Packet opened the 3^{d}. which the Governor will observe.

100. Mr. Tho. Wright and family take passage on this Ship has clear'd all his Accounts.

101. Captain Boulton commanded was very Serviceable to the freighters manageing their Affairs after the Supra Cargo's death.

102. The Governour intends home on the Tankerville if so will surrender to Mr. Roberts.

103. 113 Bales of Goods received the 5th instant from Vizagapatam but being brown could not send them now.

104. Mistake in the forbidding Longcloth Brown and white from Vizagapatam its Cheaper than what bought at Madrass or St. Davids desire yearly account of Sales.

105. By Letters from the Bay are advised the Nathaniel Frederick and Loyall Merchant were arrived hear the Hallifax was in the river and Tankerville and London going over the Braces.

106. Mogul has sent orders to the Bay to prohibit the Dutch Trade but they know how to buy if off; aboundance of Dutch dead at Hugly.

107. Loyall Cookes Invoice Pags. 37,953 : f. 20 : c. 3 Books, papers and Accounts sent as per List.

THOMAS PITT
WM: FRASER
THO: WRIGHT
M. EMPSON
W. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK.

LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 19, 1706. RECEIVED PER TANKERVILLE, MARCH 12, 1707. [*O.C. Vol.* 62, *No.* 8460. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HONBLE THE GOVERNOUR AND COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Honble Sirs,

I received yours of the 12th of February, and whilst I stay here I will not be faileing in my Duty to render you the best services I can in winding up your Bottome, but wee have such cursed Wretches to doe with, who hope to tyre one out by delays, and that which to any one wou'd seeme probable to be done in few days they will make a twelve month, yett notwithstanding I doe not dispair of compleating all matters to your satisfaction.

I observe what you write about Anco's debt, there has not a ship went into those Seas, but what wee have given 'em a Power to recover itt, and take itt in any goods whatever, and if not proper, and that they can't send it for England or bring itt hither themselves to freight itt to any part of India, I thank you for the generous Commission you offer me, but am sorry you should think me so mercenary or to surmise any consideration of money can increase my Zeale for your Interest, I protest to you without a Compliment, if I could have the least Hopes of recovering itt or good part I would goe to China myselfe, and bear my own Charges, but 'tis my opinion there is not the least glimpse or hope of retrieveing itt.

Mr. Dolben I hope is safe arrived with you, all whose Papers you have, and every particular Account of Goods brought on that ship who I doubt not but will adjust matters honourably with you; for my part I doe declare to you upon my Reputation I had no more then oz. 1867, cwt. 9, qr. 12, of silver upon itt, which I had lying by me when he went away, but your ship Union goeing hence late, your Super Cargo's press'd me very much to gett 'em a Pilot, and here was but one upon the place, and he would not goe unless I would lend him three hundred Pagodas, which I promis'd him, and a day or two after his mind alter'd, and he would not goe under five hundred, and then afterwards his wife would not lett him goe under seven hundred, which I was forc'd to lend him, or that ship of yours must have lost her Passage, or itt may be the ship and Cargoe besides, but of that your Super Cargoes are the best Judges, and that Pilott returned upon the Chambers, which with what before mentioned was every Penny I had on her, when I lent itt I would have had others of your Councill come in, but noebody would meddle with itt, being apprehensive that the Pyrates were gone that way, and this Mr. Marshall can justifye. You'le see thro' the whole Course of my service that I take particular care of what relates to you, and if you loose a Penny

for want of my Dilligence and Care, as well as Integrity, I will pay you twice the money, and without crippling their Investments I'll draw out what money possibly I can to satisfye your Debt. I must nott omitt to lett you knowe a Proposall made by the Gentlemen last year to whome the New Company had committed the Care of their Affaires. After they saw they could procure noe money to pay the Remainder of their debt, which was, that unless we were apprehensive that the United ships would goe home dead freighted, wee would spare a summe out of the United Cash, as the New Company were a moiety concerned, and itt shou'd be for their particular Account, and this you'le find in one of their Papers enter'd in the Consulation Booke.

I beleive you'le find itt difficult to gett the order you mention about the Payment of the Debt on this Coast, yett nevertheless you'le see wee have now drawne out tenn Thousand Pagodas, and will what more possible to be done, and doubt not but the Deed of Union with your help will justifye me therein, I find 'tis a great Eyesore to 'em to see so much of your Goods come home on the ships for the United Trade, more espetially that wee loaded Salt petre for you, and I was heartyly concern'd when I hearde those of the Bay has sold your Petre to the United Company, which otherwise must have come home on freight on their Ships, if they had wrote the least word in the world hither, I would have raised the money myselfe, believeing if you had gott two or three hundred per cent you wou'd not have grudg'd me fifty, I told Mr. Bearde of itt when he came hither, and he own'd itt a very great oversight in him.

You'le see in your Generall Books what is charged for negotiating your Affairs ever since the Union, and if you think itt not reasonable to be allow'd, I beleive there is noebody there but will pay itt back againe, for my part I will.

I observe your orders which shall be duely executed in cleareing all debts here on the Coast, soe that there shall be noe just reason for the United Company to complaine, I wish the New Company wou'd take the same care to clear the remainder of their Metchlepatam Debt, for I don't hear they have order'd anybody to take care of itt, and the Merchants that are here have been before the Governour and Councill, and putt in a Petition which is sent the Mannagers, and I hear they have sent for all that are concerned to come to this place in order to goe to the Nabob, whose Commands if we don't obey in cleareing itt they will immediately goe to the King. I hope to stave off the ill Consequences of these matters for my time, but lett them look out afterwards that have the Watch. You see your old debt with your Joint Stock Merchants is still upwards of twenty thousand Pagodas, but there is as much mortgaged as will reduce itt to sixteen, Houses and Gardens and one thing and another which shall be now sold if they don't immediately redeeme 'em.

Surely will there never be a turne of times againe, that you will be able to wrest this Trade out of the hands of those that did the same with you, who I believe have gott but little by their project, for my part I will throw in my poor mite to help itt forward, and if succeed in itt, I'le come abroade againe to serve you too, Twas very unfortunate your being so hasty in the Union; for if your servants here abroade had all alike stood their ground, there had not by this beene a New Companys man in the land of the Liveing in these parts. Att this time my intentions are to come upon the Tankerville, and if I stay till this time twelve month 'tis purely on your account, by which time your Bottome will be wound up on this Coast, but how I can serve you att the West Coast, God knows, but when any Person goes over, that I look upon him fitt to be employ'd I shall give him orders to inspect your Affairs.

I Received a Letter from Mr. Secretary Wooley by your order, and with itt a Pacquett for Mr. Brabourne, which I deliver'd him who has been here near twenty months; you may be sure I have not been wanting to use the best Arguments and Perswasions I am capable of to incite him to goe to Bombay, to which he has such an Aversion, as that I am afraid my endeavours will be fruitless, and he has as good as told me he resolv'd the Contrary, and now writes you, and if your selves did hear what Character in this place there is given of Bombay, and the Person that is att the head of your Affairs there, you wou'd not blame his

refuseall, for I have hearde severall say that they wou'd rather be a private Centinell in Fort St. George then to serve a Second under Sir Nicholas; and if itt be true what all say that come thence I can make noe other Judgment, (I wish I may be mistaken) then that he'le ruine all, and yett I hear he's the New Company's Saint, and such may they allways have, Mr. Brabourne hopes you'le provide for him on this Coast, where he is marry'd and has a Familly, and he is very capable as well as desireous of serveing you; my Humble Service to you all, wishing you good Success in your Affairs abroade and att home. I am Hon^ble^ Sirs

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Sept. 19th 1706.

Your most Obédient humble Servant
THO: PITT.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. SEPTEMBER 21, 1706. RECEIVED VIA DENMARK JUNE 13, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 81. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was of the 20th February 1705–6 by the Todington; she sail'd the 23.[d]

2. This comes by a Danes Ship Tankerville and 2 Londons arrived the 15th August first sail'd for Bengall the 29th, the 2 others three days after they left the Hallifax in 26 deg. South on this side the Cape; the Oley and Bebbingtons Separate Stock Ship were arrived Batavia.

3. The Aurengzebe put into Point de Galle the 10th past; have no news from any part of India since their last by the Todington.

4. Loyall Cooke will sail for England the beginning of October. The Loyall Merchant being in want of repairs is put out of the service and gon to Bengall to refitt; Nathaniel let out on freight for the Bay and Persia; Frederick touching at Madrass have coyned her 18 Chests of Treasure and sent her to the Bay.

5. Loyall Hester fell to pieces in Persia when laid a shore to clean: Captain Haslewood came from thence on the Loyall Cooke and is gon to the Bay; Messrs. Petty and Fleetwood Supra Cargos of the Loyall Cooke dy'd in Persia.

7. Hear of no French ships in India since the foregoing; hear from Negapatam a Dutch ship was chased by a Brigantine of 16 guns full of men from the Babs to Cochin but beat off with their great Guns which it is said was a French Caper.

THO: PITT
WM: FRASER
THO: WRIGHT
M: EMPSON
W: MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 21, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYALL COOK OCTOBER 13, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 106. (*India Office transcript*).]

Received the Companys Letter of the 8th March with the New Companys Remonstrance against those who lent the money to pay their Debts pray the Managers justice against them and that the Consultations may be perused none of the Council but the Governour concern'd in those Bills and Mr. Wright who will both justify themselves Copy of the Councils Answer to the said Remonstrance sent and referred to.

THO: PITT
WM: FRASER
THO: WRIGHT
M: EMPSON
WM: MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 21, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYALL MERCHANT, MARCH 8, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8461, (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HONBLE GOVR DEPUTY AND COMMITTEES FOR AFFAIRS OF THE RT HONBLE GOVR & COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO EAST INDIES.

Honble Sirs,

We wrote you the 9 and 28th Janry per Ship Sommers, 6th February per Ship Fleet Frigatt and Westmoreland and 20th February per Ship Todington, Duplicate and Copy of the former went in each Ship and we now again send you Copys of all, since which we received yours of the 12th February per Ship Tankerville and we heartily Cong[r]atulate the safe arrivall of the Ships you mention'd and hope the Damage on them will not be so much as you expect.

We shall Continue our utmost Endeavours to gett in your Debts and make you returnes, but you never gave us any orders before for Investing it in Bay goods but we shall for the future if any money Comes to our hands in the time of the Monsoon so as we can send it down other waise must Invest it in Goods of these parts or must lye by a twelve month.

We by every ship that goes to China give a Power to the Supra Cargoe to recover your debt and take it in any Goods whatsoever and if they can't take it in themselves to freight it for England or upon any ship to any part of India and after all we are sorry we must tell you we believe you'l never see one peny of that debt, and as for Mr. Dolben we hope he is long with you before this, who will answer for himself.

There is no question to be made but that Mr. Robert Ordered Mr. Jones to Conceil the Debt hoping thereby that another ship would trust Anqua and that he might get out of his Cluches as Mr. Gough did in this your President knows to be true.

Mr. Jones's Oath to the Interogatorys as you direct comes inclosed; we must doe him right so farr that we take him to be a very honest man and that time in the Chambers Frigatt he lost most what he had his Chest and severall things being thrown overboard.

Mr. Dolben not paying that 20,000 Pagodas without three per cent Interest was the Cause of deferring our advises thereof that so you might have the longer time for payment; there was no manner of allowance of that summe from demorage average or anything else for that we did not demand it of him by reason that he told us he would Goe home upon the first ship and now he is with you, you are the best able to adjust those matters with him for that we have given him no manner of receipt or discharge.

Twas a mistake in the Consultation that the freight of Mr. Frederick and Mr. Marshall's Gold was not mentioned with Mr. Dolben and Mr. Knipe which is included in the 1,312 Pagodas.

We did not weigh the raw silk here that came on the Chambers but related it as it came from China not doubt[ing] but the propriator sent the China Invoice with it.

Mr. Cliffe and Babinton wrote us that they could not recover a peny of Anquas Debt.

We have wrote fully about the West Coast in our Generall Letters to the Mannagers so shall say little in this but when a proper person goes that way we shall give him Power to Enquire into your Affairs.

We have not nor shall pay any Bills for your Account and we beleive we have been as much concern'd for the ill Man[a]gement of Affairs in those parts as you yourself who have lost so Considerably by it and how you come to make Indepandant God knows.

You'l see in the Generall Books from the United Trade that you have Credited for that monstrous Bill of Dollars 60,855 and that it is brought into your books as also everything they have had of you which when the Interest is made up will Come to about 90,000 Pagodas ten thousand of which we payd last

Consultation day and shall Consider what to do with it and write you in the Sequell of this Letter.

Never was there more care and paines taken in the world then we had to gett in your Debts and you will see in your Cash few days past there was between three and four thousand Pagodas paid in and in a little time we Expect as much more the Fellows in prison have paid nothing as yett who are generally said to be very poor, but lett them be what they will your President resolves to bring them away with him when he leaves the shore unless they give some satisfaction and were the Debts our own twas impossible more Care could be taken to recover them.

Your books have been perused and rectified and doubt not but you will find them to your satisfaction.

We have wrote to your Councill in Bengall that those for the United Trade will pay their Debt to you, if so we hope there will be an overplus when all payd.

Le Beaum we sent home on the Chambers frigatt and order'd the Com^{r}: to put him among the French Prisoners.

As to the Blew Cloth sent to the West Coast 'twas very good and sound when went hence and so Mr. Wright your warehousekeeper who comes upon this ship will averr.

Of late it has bin the Custom here to sell no goods but their own, as you will see by what we write the Managers.

In last Years Letters we wrote you that no more of Mr. Dubois Letter could be recovered here, and he owes the Ballance as it stands in your Bookes.

The small arms left by Mr. Dolben at Policondore mett with same fate as your other Effects.

That matter about Sallary in your 33^{d} Paragraph is thus, you order'd all Accounts of Sallary to be made up to the 22 July 1702 and sent you so that 483 Pagodas is for your servants who came from Metchlepatam, and some servants here who were not taken in till the 25 March 1704 the particulars of which we refferr you to the Generall Bookes.

You'l see in these Bookes that now comes we have payd half Salary from the time of the Union to the 22^{d} July last to such as have acted in your Affairs but no more is ever to be charged and the other Moiety is left to be payd in England as usuall and we hope upon the strictest Scrutiny you will think we deserve it.

We cannot help thinking that ten thousand Pagodas of Timapan's is justly due but then at the same time we can never wish that Villain to have it and very few here Love him so well as to assist him in his demands.

The Tankerville arriving so late we continued your 12 Chest of Treasure on board for could not coin it unless we had detained the ship so as to have endanger'd her passage to Bengall, and here are no persons so proper to Negotiate that buisines as your Councill there who we doubt not but will finish that affair so as to answer your Expectations; our letter to them with the silver is No. 14 and to prevent mistake we sent them the Paragraphs of your Letter to us relateing to them, we wonder that they should urge in their Vindication that they had supplye'd us with more Tonage then they had received money from hence when that we sent 'em far greater summs than you order'd and by the Generall Bookes you'l see they are considerably indebted to us.

We have wrote for the red lead to be sent hither but Anchors and Glass ware are not worth bringing.

Mr. Beard came very sickly hither and continued so to his death so not in a condition to discourse or give any particular Account of your Affairs there.

Your Councill in Bengall will certainly be greatfull to you for being so mindfull of them and if the Managers were fairly and honestly inform'd of the Confusion in that Government they would think of a President or Somebody to be at the head of them to be highly necessary and the sooner the better we hear enough of it here and doubt not but you will by the last years Shipping.

We all here in the Countrey take Mr. Sheldon to be a very honest man as appears by his dealings with particular men and all allow him to be very knowing in Trade and Customs of the Country.

Those Gentlemen in Bengall never prest us for money to buy Petre but when we heard they had sold yours we wrote them that we were sure you Could be concerned at it and had they given us the Least hint they should never have wanted money for that purpose and when we sent down the Chamber frigatt and on her three thousand Allumgerr Pagodas to buy peter they apply'd it to other uses and sent up in Gunny Packing stuff &c. 1,400 rupees and freighted her with the United Companys Peter.

We have sent Mr. Ingram the Paragraph of your Letter but there came no accounts of particulars as you mention we'l Examine strictly into that matter and write you by the January Shiping.

Certainly the Interest of the Bay debt is as due as the Principle from the time it was demanded and we shall Charge Interest here for everything till all is Cleared.

We observe you intend no presid' in Bengall nor doe we think you have occasion for none nor here neither after one year more for you'l have little Standing out that there is hopes of recovering after that time.

Mr. Ellis left Mr. Wright and Mr Lewis his Trustees who we have acquainted with what you write who say they now remitt the Money at ten shillings a Pagoda by bill of Exchange.

By the Loyall Cooke from Persia we had redrawn on us 9,741 rupees Madrass which was for Account of a Bill of Exchange we advised you off formerly we drew on them for account of the Kings Buxie which we have payd.

And that month here arrived one Mr. Love, who was executor to Mr. Woolston and Mr. Lovett being here we obliged them to settle the Metchlepatam Accounts and pay into your Cash Pagodas 200 : 34.

We haveing by us now a considerable Cash you'l see we are treating with the Metchlepatam Merchants for an Investment which goods shall come on the Tankerville and if these Merchants dont comply we'l invest your money in something proper for Bengall and send it down by the begining of the year to be invested in fine goods and sent you by the first ship which we hope will meet with your aprobation for we design it for your Interest.

We forbear writeing you any news of these parts by reason we send you Copy of our Letter to the Mannagers and here Inclose Invoice and Bill of Loading for what Laden on the Loyall Cooke amounting to Pagodas [. . .] which God prosper and send safe to you, so with our service to you all we are.

Hon^{ble}: Sirs,
Your most faithfull and
obedient humble servants,
THOMAS PITT
THOMAS WRIGHT
MATT : EMPSON
THOMAS FREDERICK.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st Sept. 1706.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 21, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYALL COOKE, OCTOBER 13, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8462. (*India Office transcript*).]

FROM THE GOV^R: & COUNCILL OF FORT ST. GEORGE
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T: HON^BLE. UNITED ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

TO THE COURT OF DIRECTORS,
FOR THE SEPARATE AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Sirs,

We received yours of the 2^d: March last per ship Tankerville.

We are wholy strangers to your Affairs as not having been ever your factors, as also to Mr. John Pitt's Mannagement att Maddapollam and Metchlepatam, and his Contracts with the Merchants there, and can speak to nothing of them, but from the time your President Mr. Tillard fled hither for refuge, and apply'd to us for our advice.

Your Letter to us of the 18th of January 1704 was answered by last years shipping, and such as perused our Consultations of the United Trade will see what advice and assistance we gave Messrs. Fraser and Wright in your Affairs, who would have drawn Bills on you could they have got money at ten shillings and six pence a Pagoda which we see would have been as honourably pay'd as those the year before, and we are surprized as well as the New Company that you should expect us to adjust your Accounts, and inquire into the exorbitant Prizes and frauds of the Mannagement of your President and Council at Metchlepatam, when never as much as wrott one Line to request it, which if we had done you might then justly have say'd as you have in your remonstrance, that we took upon us to advise and meddle with that we had nothing to do with.

We are so farr from disowning any advice we gave to Mr. Tillard that we doe here justifie ourselves in every particular, and should do the same again on the like occasion, to any Company that we thought would be more gratefull for it, and what induced us thereto, was not only to support the New Companys Credit, and promote their Interest, but as our Duty to preserve the Estate of the United Company, which doubtless must have fallen under great troubles had not those Bills been drawn; and as to that matter of Mr. Tillards indorseing the money off the Bonds, for which he gave his Bills, and the currancy of the Exchange is fully answer'd in another Paper, and can't think it but satisfactory to all men whose Interest do's not sway their Judgements.

We can't tell what you may frighten or perswade Mr. Tillard to say, but he can't but know that the Merchants acknowledge that they had received satisfaction for what he had Indorsed off their Bonds, and affirm'd it before us, and the Governour do's averr that for what he was concern'd he payd good part ready money down, and gave his Brief for the remainder, which he honourably complyd with the 8th of March following.

We can't think there was more formality in our Consulations then truth, and find that a strict form is very requisite for those that have to deal with the New Company, who have deny'd payment of their Presidents Bills, which was for money taken up to discharge their just Debts when reduced to the last extreamity and utmost necessity to do it, we must think the Companys Complaints Causeless for we never were Intrusted or Employed by them, nor had they anything worth mentioning upon the place, and think that a far fetch'd Argument in saying they are concerned one halfe in the United Trade, don't the Mannagers order the Governour and Councill here to take care that neither Old, or New Companys affairs, are intermixed or blended with theirs, nor suffer either to prejudice them, so we can't but term them three as distinct Interest as any are in the world, and for what owing your Merchants we must be of opinion they have reason and Justice of their syde to justifye their Clamours and Demands.

You say likewise you think it not reasonable that you should pay more money then we pay'd to the Black Merchants, and that at nine Shillings a Pagoda, where is the obligation, or Custom for any Body to lend you money on those

terms? don't you yourselves when you Lend Money to subsist ships abroad make them Pay Fifty per cent, and the same Profit upon all Damaged Goods; we are here Merchants too and make it our care to turn our money to the best advantage; what sort of Idiote must that be to Lend you a Pagoda at nine Shillings, when at Bottomry at that time could have had Thirteen and six pence and Diamonds security, or to have bought them would have made from sixteen shillings to Twenty shillings a Pagoda: The Governour beleives all of you have been concerned, as he has, in buying of Tallys, Exchequer Notes, Bank Bills, and East India Bonds, and did you ever hear that the Persons who bought them were questioned for it, and tho' never so cheap anything deducted when payment made and then for the security of the two former there was the faith of the Nation, not to be mentioned with that of a Companys; so then are your Bonds so sacred as not to be bought, or sold, or of so little value that we should not have regarded them.

You say you have Protested the Bill of Mr. Affleck who we are confident will not abate you a Penny, for that money 'tis Generally say'd subsisted your Factory, or they must have run away, or starved, we dont know whether you can oblige him to sware, and wish you dont give him reason to do something else, before he has compelled you to make satisfaction.

We shall not pretend to dive into the New Companys designs, but we may give a shrew'd guess, when all this time they have sent out no money to pay their Debts, nor pay'd the Bills drawn on them by their President, nor taken any manner of care to satisfie the remainder of their Debt, which is in great part owing to Widdows, Orphans, and very necessitous Persons whose daily Prayers they have.

In the other Paper we have given our reasons for deviating from the advice we first gave President Tillard, and wish the Company would judge rightly of itt.

The Governor says Mr. Tillard can informe you, that the manner of raising money to pay your debt had not its first Burth in this Place, for that towards the latter end of January he remembers he came and told him that the Black Merchants had procured money amongst the Dutch, if he would give Bills for England or Holland, and that they had desired him to get the Governours Letter to the Chief of Sadrass to acquaint him who Mr. Tillard was, and that he beleived the Bills would be pay'd, which Letter the Governour himself wrott, and gave it Mr. Tillard to send for the Linguist to put it into Dutch, which was afterwards signed him, and sent, the answer as he best remembers was that they would Lend him about Twenty thousand Pagodas at Eighteen shillings a Pagoda, and the Governour to sign the Bills with Mr. Tillard, who beleives remembers that matter particularly well, to whom he referrs you.

We hope others have likewise maintained as fair a reputation in the world as the New Company, and are of opinion that what may be thought reputable in them, is not so in a single Person, and as they beleive no blemish will remain on them for suffering these Bills to be Protested, so those concerned in them here hope they shall be able to oblige them to hearken to reason, and do Justice, and further say, that they wish the true state of their Proceedings in this Affair was fairly Printed with the Companys reasons for not paying the Bills, and leave World to judge who has acted most like men of Honour and honesty.

We are Sirs,
Your humble servants,
THO: PITT
WILL: FRASER
THO: WRIGHT
ROB^{T}: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st: Septem^{r}: 1706.

Messrs. Empson and Martin sign not this letter by reason they were not of Council when the New Company's business was transacted.

LETTER FROM HENRY DAVENPORT, SECRETARY, FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE MANAGERS FOR THE UNITED TRADE], SEPTEMBER 21, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYALL COOKE, OCTOBER 11, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *N°*: 8463. (*India Office transcript*).]

THE GOVERNOUR & COUNCIL OF FORT ST. GEORGE,
THEIR ANSWER TO THE NEW COMPANYS REMONSTRANCES
DELIVERED IN TO THE HON^BLE^: MANAGERS FOR THE UNITED TRADE.

To the first Paragraph, we have heard of the Loss of the Norris, and believe She had on Board of her a Considerable Treasure, but whether She was to land it att Metchlepatam to discharge their debts we cant say, but the Governour says he has heard otherwise.

To the 2^d^ Paragraph, Mr. William Tillard the New Companys President (by succession and so ordered by their Instructions) came hither 14th of October who has been often heard to say that the Merchants were so Extraordinary Pressing for their debt, and hourly dunning of him that he could not Live there any longer with security, and in his own Paper he says, to gett away he was forced to sham them with a story of the Neptune.

To the 3^d^: Paragraph, the Merchants at Metchlepatam are Gentues for had they been Moors, the New Company could not have delay'd payments of their Debt as they have done, and what made those merchants follow Mr. Tillard here, was hearing that he was going hence for England and not the Sinuation of Narrain who we are well assured advised them to the Contrary telling them he was sure the New Company had no Money nor Effects here, and for the remaining part of that Paragraph we know it to be true.

To the 4th Paragraph, we also own it to be true and that it was then our opinions to Mr. Tillard that the Black Merchants must have patience, till the New Company sent out Money or gave orders therein; for at that time we saw no Probability or Possibility of raising such a sum as was afterwards done nor do we beleive was as much as in the thoughts of any one man.

To the 5th Paragraph, tis certainly true that the hopes of makeing an advantage brought in people to be concerned, for where was the obligation they had to the New Company with whom they had nothing to do as the New Company; but tis a wrong suggestion that part of the Paragraph that says we advised Mr. Tillard to state their Merchants accounts which we never Concerned ourselves with so much as to inspect anything relating thereto, nor was there need of it, their Accounts being adjusted as he told us in the time of President John Pitts deceased, whose hands &c^a^: Councills and the New Companys Seal was affixed to the Bonds for the Ballance; then we can but wonder, that they charge us with adviseing Mr. Tillard to pay two thirds of their debt without any regard to the New Companys pretention, when tis so fully expressed in our Consultation of the 1st of February 1704–5 that he should not exceed the sum of eighty thousand Pagodas or thereabouts being a little more than the moiety of their debt for that very end as fully expressed in that day's Consultation; then tis also as great a mistake that the Course of the Exchange was but Nine Shillings a Pagoda for those that sign this do averr that the Currant Exchange was then ten shillings and ten and six pence and there has been eleven shillings for small sums, for tis not to be inferr'd from what has been payd into the New Companys Cash and so remitted by Bill, is the standard of Exchange here, which is generally the Estate of deceased Persons and Intestine Persons which is brought in by Compulsion or else tis money positively order'd out of England to be payd in, for which we can give no other than the rate of nine shillings the Pagoda but we hope the Gentlemen here were at their own Choice, whether they would lend the New Company any money or no and we would willingly know where was the diference of Mr. Tillards receiving the money in Spicie, or that the black Merchants came to him with the Companys bonds and acknowledg'd satisfaction for so much money as they desir'd to be indorsed off the Bonds for which sums he gave Bills and the Merchants came afterwards with Mr. Tillard in Consultation acknowledging they had received full satisfaction for what Indors'd.

To the 6th Paragraph, we cant help the New Company having falce informations of this matter nor the Companys belief therein but those that know best do averr twas not fourty per Cent tho had they insisted upon Fifty the Merchants must have given it; and that to say that anybody here tooke upon them to advise Mr. Tillard when it appears so plainly he applyed to us for our advise, and the Governour here for himself and doubts not but Mr. Tillard will justifie him in it refused to give him any manner of advise but what done in Consultation nor as much as discoursed him in private or the Black Merchants about this affair.

To the 7th Paragraph, those that are Concerned in the matter dont think in the Least they have been guilty of any unfair practice, but think the New Company attempts to do them a very great injustice in not paying their Bills Honourably like Merchants and hope that the United Company for the good service done them in this affair will give their assistance to Compell them thereto.

Signed by Order of the Governor & Councill,
HEN: DAVENPORT, *Secry*.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
21st Sept. 1706.

LETTER FROM J. BRABOURNE, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 6, 1706. RECEIVED PER LOYALL COOKE, OCTOBER 11, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8465. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE: THE GOVERNOUR, DEPUTY GOVERNOUR & COMMITTEES OF THE R^T. HON^BLE. THE OLD EAST INDIA COMPANY.

May it please your Honours,

Your letter dated the 25th of March 1705 by ship Tankerville, and directed to me at Anjengo, I received at Fort St. George, where I've resided ever since April last was twelve month, haveing quitted my post at Anjengo, and the United Company's service, because I was weary of dwelling any longer on that side of India, and under the command of Sir Nicholas Waite.

I am very sensible of the favour you design me in constituteing me Deputy Governour of Bombay; and though my present circumstances would not permitt me to leave this place, where I am now with my Family settled, without great inconvenience, yett I should willingly have postpon'd every consideration relateing to myself, and embraced this occasion of showing my obedience to the commands, and my fidelity to the interests of so good masters, if I was sure, by going to Bombay, I could do you service any way equivalent to the prejudice my own affiairs in my absence would susteyn.

After finishing your Letter to me, you are pleased in a postscript to intimate, that you have since received by the Howland a larger account of your affairs at Bombay; which I hope has given you sattisfaction in most, if not all those perticulars you recommended to me touching your accounts, and dead-stock, which seems the principal occasion of your haveing procured me this post.

Sir Nicholas, who thinks he shall be supported at home, and is sure of being obey'd abroad by his Adherents, will despize the efforts of any single man, and his inferior, who shall appeare for your interests, wherefore (as in your letter you intimate) all you could expect of me, would be advises of what happens, and is transacted, which you cannot want so long as Sir John Gayer who is both faithfull to, and well enformed in, your interests, resides at Suratt.

Upon the whole I am in hopes that your Honours perceiveing that my going to Bombay would do you little service, but my selfe a great deale of prejudice, will please to approve or at least to pardon my declineing that post, and look upon me as one of your old servants that is ready whenever you please to show himself.

May it please your Honours
Your most humble most obedient
and most faithfull servant,

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Oct. 6, 1706.

J. BRABOURNE.

LETTER FROM ROBERT RAWORTH, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 13, 1706. RECEIVED PER TANKERVILLE, MARCH 8, 1707. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8468. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE: DIRECTORS FOR THE SEPARATE AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble: Sirs,

Messrs. Fraser and Wright on arrivall of the Tankerville acquainted me 'twas your order that they redeliver what of your effects remained in their possession to me, tho I have no powers from you to receive 'em yet that I may never be thought backward in your Service I declar'd I was ready to accept what they would deliver and accordingly the [. . .] Instant they brought me two Chests of Corrall.

They were weighed off before us all and came out short of Invoice (as per Inclos'd copy of the attestation) 25 to what to attribute it I don't know the Chests not appearing to us to have been opened nor when opened did there seem to be any taken out but full and in good order.

I am offer'd 70 p. per maund of 25 reckoning oz. 360 to each maund which is not so much as you have Invoict it at, Its very small and has lately bin a drugg but at present there is a scarcity, which I beleive was the reason of their offering so much, however I shant dispose of it at any rate but wait in expectation of your orders which I suppose are on the Hallifax.

All your other goods which I deliver'd 'em and what came from Metchlepatam were dispos'd of by publick outcry, They admitted me into none of their Conssults so I am not able to informe you exactly how they sold or what the amount was but I hear twas about 1,500 Pagodas which they paid the Merchants as they woud likewise have done the amount of the Corrall but as [it] came ashoare from the Somers among some of the United Companys goods and was not found out till Mr. Wright deliverd the remaines of their Godowne to Mr. Empson.

The Merchants are very Clamorous for the remainder of their debt which running at so high interest dayly increases and deliverd a petition to the Governour and Council for the United Affaires (copy of which I here inclose with their answer) demanding the debt of them and if not satisfied threatning to make application to the Moors justice, which probably may bring their affairs into embroiles, so I hope you'l be pleas'd to consider of some expedient to satisfie 'em for the debt is certainly due and while their money lyes in your Cash and 10 per cent they are forc'd to pay from 18 to 30. Indeed 'tis a deplorable sight to see those men who before they engag'd in your Service were worth from 20 to 30 Pagodas reduc'd to beggary and afraid to returne to the Wifes and familys least they should be murderd by their Creditors.

I am sorry you so much resent the Governour and Councills advice to Mr. Tillard to take up money and give bills on you; with submission to your Honours I can't help adhereing to't, thinking 't was both for your and the United Company's interest and the honour of the nation that that part shou'd be paid, for

allowing the debt due everybody that Lends money is willing to procure the best termes they can and the Merchants are as free to make what abatement they please, so as you had no mony on the place I cant think those Gentlemen who were concern'd wrong'd you and if you'll please to peruse the Consultations on those occasions you'll find Mr. Tillard was advised to leave what he did unpaid on consideration if it coud be proved the Merchants had bin unjust to you you might thereby make yourselves reparation.

I am told your Honours resent some actions of mine at Metchlepatam as miscarriages which makes me impatient for your Letter that I may cleare myself and be reinstated in your favour for I cant on recollection think wherein I have deserv'd your frowns having allways endeavoured to the utmost of my capacity to approve myself.

Hon^ble. Sirs,
Your obedient faithfull
humble servant,
R.R.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 10/14/16, 1707. RECEIVED PER LOYALL MERCHANT, MARCH 10, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 100. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was of the 12th September and 9th October 1706 per Loyall Cooke. She Sailed the 10th ; by the Danes wrote a Letter of the 21st of September, their Copys with the Loyall Cookes Invoice enclosed.

FIRST CONCERNING SHIPS COME OUT OR RETURNING.

2. Tankerville arrived the 16th instant from the Bay with Petre and redwood and 300 Bales and took in 223 Bales at Vizagapatam part of which being brown are took ashore to wash.

3. Loyall Merchant arriv'd from the Bay the 20th instant with 300 tons Petre Garrison Stores and some freight goods which took ashore with 100 tons of the Petre ; She was well Survey'd in the Bay before any goods were put on board her Suppose her Survey is sent from the Bay and when she was re-entertain'd.

4. Hear the Aurungzebe was at Carwar in November.

5. The Lyampo lost near Mosambique 6 of her men got to Goa some went to Portugall from Mosambique her Treasure and some Cloth Saved but the Men were cut off and the whole taken away by the natives.

6. By a Madrass vessell have Letters from Bencoolen dated the 4th November 1706 advising the Carleton had been there but the Edward and Dudley was Stopt in England have accepted their Bills for 23938 Dollars : 3 : their Money Confounded in needless fortifications the Hampshire Sail'd from thence in September a full Ship hear they have 3 to 400 Baharrs[1] of Pepper and might have what they pleased if had money Copy of the Bencoolen Letter and the Answer sent since they have been independant they give no Accounts to Madrass.

SECONDLY AS TO THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERALL AND THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTRY GOVERNMENT.

7. 31st October heard the Nabob was coming to St. Thoma whereupon sent their Mullah and Braminee 15 miles to complement him and get out why he came on his arrivall at St. Thoma they sent two of the Councill and Secretary to complement him who pressing to come and dine with the Governour it was consented to but he coming with a greater body than was agreed on was deny'd

[1] In the Indian islands, the *bāhār* is generally reckoned as equal to 400 avoirdupois.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

entrance as per Consultations of the 31st October, 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th and 21st November that visit cost Pagodas 1174 which could not be avoided.

8. 24th December caught a Moor man dispersing false fanams 30 per cent worse than Standard at the Governour of St. Thoma's intercession and alledging he received them not knowing they were bad he was banisht the place and his House raz'd to the Ground to deter others.

9. Have heard the like Vallanys are practising in the Countrey of Coyning Madrass Pagodas of a low matt: shall endeavour to detect and punish the guilty.

10. The 27th December received Letters from Anjengo of a Pyrate taking several Ships on that Coast among them the Dorathy belonging to Bengall was taken coming from Mocha in August last whereby the Madrass Inhabitants are great Sufferers also a vessell belonging to Bombay and 2 or 3 to the Mallabar Coast. Captain Penruddocks' Letter about that Affair is in the Packett also an Account from the Governour of Negapatam of that Pyrate.

11. Have no answer Since their last from Atcheen by the Governours Letter sent thither hear Messrs. Griffith and Delton have been at Mallacca.

12. Mr. Hastings confirmed Chief at Vizagapatam expect he will make that Settlement more advantagious than ever hitherto.

Thirdly as to Fortifications and Revenues.

13. The Town Brokers having been complain'd of gave 4 or 5 a Lycence to be joynt Brokers paying half of their gettings to the Company but they putting things into Confusion have appoint'd six to act independantly which in time will raise a good Revenue as per Consultation of the 9th and 10th instant have put in a new Ruby Broker being honester than the other.

14. Grain being scarce about Madrass have ordered Fort St. Davids to secure 200 garse to the Southward Madrass very populous and encreases daily.

15. Have assessed all the Inhabitants to the repaying the Charges of the Town wall and receive payments weekly, have had great trouble on that account.

Fourthly Touching Factors, Writers Officers and Souldiers and their Accounts.

16. Mr. Hunt succeeds of Council on Mr. Wrights going home has still the Scavengers employ Mr. Bulteel re-entertained at Fort St. Davids.

17. Mr. Ingram dying last month at St. Davids Mr. Baker is sent from Metchlepatam to be youngest of Council.

18. Mr. John Landen Min^{r}. at St. Davids has quitted the Employ and is gon to Batavia about his deceased brothers Effects.

19. Thomas Foster a souldier per Tankerville having false Dollars about him which it is believed were of his own making have return'd him per Loyall Merchant and the Dollars delivered; the Captain desire the Company will order that no infamous Person be entertain'd; refer about this matter to the Consultation of the 19th December.

Fifthly as to Forts &c^{a}. Subordinate to this Presidency.

20. Mr. Fawcett expected from Metchlepatam the Rashwar will not suffer the Old Factory at Madapollam to be pull'd down. Mr. Noden is to take care of the Companys Factorys at 5 Pagodas a Month.

10th February 1706-7.

21. Want of goods from St. Davids kept the ships from being dispatcht; fear the French caused them not to send the ships thither to lade and to put 50 souldiers upon the 2 Sloops who were to bring up the goods.

22. 16th October, the Mary Galley arrived Madrass from Batavia and West Coast disposed of her Cargo of Sugar &c^{a}. and Sail'd to the Bay the 24th Ditto.

23. In November last dyed at Pollichery Monsieur Martin the Governour who had served the French near 40 years; Monsieur Dulivier from the Bay succeeds arriving in January professes great friendship to the Governour.

24. Commander of the Loyall Merchant has paid the 68 Pagodas for Pylotage which they advised by the Loyall Cooke they had disbursed.

25. Captain Morrices Ship Friendshipp taken by the Arrabs was at Pegu mann'd with Muscatters; they are very insolent to the English. Suppose they go thither to build ships shall give them a Character to the King of Pegu; hear they have so insulted the Moors on the Suratt side that the Mogull is sending an Embassador to Muscatt.

26. Two ships lately arrived Madrass from Maccoa but with no Mettalls on board because they turn to no account; they report the Albemarle was past Mallacca for Suratt; the Loyall Blisse would sail in January. Mr. Brewer Supra Cargo dead uncertain when the Oley would sail she was at Maccao her Chief Mate left her and came on one of the above Portugeez Vessells.

27. The Nabob dos all he can to promote the Interest of St. Thoma. Suspect some of the Madrass inhabitants joyn with him shall watch them; he has ordered but 2½ per cent to be taken of all ships importing there for Custom and to be free of all Junkan to the Viziapore Countrey all Grain to be imported free.

28. The Nabob after Marches and Countermarches is gon into the Inland Countrey to joyn another Army to meet 60000 Morattas who are making incursions into this Countrey. Mogull being old Partys are everywhere plundering the Countrey.

29. Desire a Supply of Ingenious and Exemplary Ministers Mr. Wendy and Mr. Laves designing for England.

30. Enclosed comes a Pacquett from Mr. Proby &c^{a}. Suratt and one from the Bay and one to Mr. Stone for the Danish Company which desire may be deliver'd.

31. 1st Instant arrived a Sloop belonging to the English at Bengall bound for Atcheen was off Negrais plunder'd by a Pyrate Briggantine of 50 Europeans and some Coffrys to the value of 2000 Pagodas and took another ship belonging to Bengall worth 3 to 4000 this Brigantine chased the Dutch Ship to Cochin says there are 2 more of them abroad in these Seas and came from Madagascar one took in the Red Sea Captain Penruddock by which the People at Madrass lost 30000 Pagodas they look out for the Manilha and China Ships, act for trying them is expired if they are not supprest will spoil all their Countrey trade.

32. Have put Petre on the Loyall Merchant according to the Orders for the Tankerville.

14TH FEBRUARY 1706-7.

33. For want of the St. Davids Bales have fill'd up the Tankerville to hasten her home; 2 vessells this evening arrived from St. Davids and expect the 3^{d}. to Morrow shall dispatch the Loyall Merchant in a day or two had not time to view the St. Davids goods but are sorted by the last years Musters.

34. Receipt for 250 Pagodas lent the Captain of the Loyall Merchant enclosed.

35. Want a surgeon of Fort St. Davids.

36. Lately received a Generall from St. Davids for the Company with Copys of their books accounts &c^{a}. as per List; find fault with their Accounts being to the 31st December; think they should end with the books and shall order them to do soe; they brag of their great services to the Excluding the Madrass Councill who have Contributed to the abatement on goods and frugality in presents refer to the Company whether their goods are equall to Madrass.

37. Aga Perees Letter to the Company sent and by them recommended to the Companys favour to oblige Coja Surhaud to do him right, the Councill in the Bay desired to help him to oblige Coja Surhaud and adjust Accounts with him but they forgott their promise.

38. List sent per Loyall Cook for goods and stores with an addition now for Gunners stores wanted for sale.

39. Copy of Captain Shepheards Protest enclosed.

40. Copy of the Account of the Lyampo's loss received from the Mallabar Coast sent.

41. Yesterday arrived the China ships they came from Canton the 1st January with the Loyall Bliss.

42. Copy of the Metchlepatam Merchants Petition about the New Companys Debt sent.

43. Tankervilles Invoice amounting to Pagodas 107357: 17: 2 with Bill of Lading sent.

P.S.

Want Souldiers most they have their times are out and desire to be discharged 3 of them now go home and 3 other Notorious Rogues one the Coiner.

16TH FEBRUARY 1706-7.

The foregoing is duplicate of what sent by the Tankerville have filled up the Loyall Merchant with the goods received from St. Davids have remains to lade the Nathaniel in September when have cleared with the Merchants and paid the West Coast bills shall owe 30,000 Pagodas which must take up at Interest have sent 2 ships home which brought no Stock to them and their Copper to Bengall have sent no Musters by the Tankerville her and the Loyall Merchants Cargos Sorted by the Musters of the Loyall Cooke Loyall Merchants Invoice being Pagodas 59796: 28: 3 with Bill of Lading sent.

THO: PITT
WILL: FRASER
M: EMPSON
W^M. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
RICH^D: HUNT.

LETTER FROM ROBERT RAWORTH, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 23, 1707. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS, SEPTEMBER 11, 1708. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8482. (*India Office transcript*).]

Hon^ble: Sirs,

I wrote you a full account of your Affairs in these parts by the Loyall Cooke and Tankerville both which I hope are safe arrived with you.

Since which I had the honour of yours by the Howland of the 7 February 1706 and have pursuant to your order deliver'd the ballance of your Cash being Pagodas 1732:10:73. to the Hon^ble: Thomas Pitt the account of which and what goods remained is inclosed, He has thought convenient to make me his assistant in that Affair, which I readily embract that I may by my best Services show those Gentlemen to whom I owe my promotion in the United Service how gratefull I am for all favours conferr'd on me.

Our joynt Letter gives you so faire a view of all your Affairs that I have nothing more to add then assurances that I shall allways endeavour to approve Myself.

Hon^ble: Sirs,
Your faithfull and obedient servant,
R. RAWORTH.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Jan^ry 23^d 1707.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 10/16, 1707. RECEIVED PER LOYALL MERCHANT, MARCH 8, 1707–8. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8509. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE}: GOV^{R}: DEPUTY AND COMMITTEES
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE} :GOV^{R}: AND COMPANY
OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^{ble} Sirs,

Our last to you was by the Loyall Cooke dated 21st September which ship sayled hence the 10th October.

Wee do what possible wee can to get in your Debts and hope in a little time to have got in most of them.

The 10,000 Pag^{s}: wee received in part of your debt from the United Company wee have invested most of it in goods, which comes by these two ships Tankerville and Loyall Merchant wee shall make further demands on them as wee see they are in Cash to satisfie the same.

Wee have little hopes to recover any part of your China Debt due from Anqua ; who 'tis say'd is miserable poor, we have hope of better success from the King of Syam who seems inclynable to pay that old debt.

What wee have laden for your account on the Tankerville amounts to Pag^{s}. 3718:22:3. and what on the Loyall Merchant Pag^{s}. 3693:1:1. which God prosper and send safe to you, wee are

Hon^{ble}: Sirs,
Your most faithfull and
Obedient humble Servants.
[. . .]

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10th Feb^{ry}. 1706–7.

Hon^{ble} Sirs,

The foregoing is what we wrote you per Tankerville and this comes by the Loyall Merchant whose Cargo amounts to as above, we are

Hon^{ble}: Sirs,
Your most obedient
humble Servants,

THO. PITT
M. EMPSON
THO. FREDERICK
RICH. HUNT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Feb^{ry} 16th 1706–7.

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 10/14, 1707. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS, SEPTEMBER 28, 1708. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8499. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. GOV^{R}. DEPUTY & COMMITTEES FOR AFFAIRS
OF THE R^{T}. HON.^{BLE} GOVERNOUR AND COMPANY OF MERCHANTS
OF LONDON TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

HON^{BLE}. SIRS,

Our last to you was by the Loyall Cooke dated 21st September Copy of which comes Inclosed with Invoice and Second Bill of Lading for what sent on

that ship, since which we have little to add by reason we send you Copy of what we write the Mannagers which comes herewith and that for what relates to your particular Affairs is now brought into a little Compass.

You'l see in your Cash and Consultation Books that we goe on in getting in your old Debt and where all is not recoverable we have compounded for half, and that too is rais'd by the Charity of the Casts, and as soon as the Town Wall Money is collected, which we supose will be all done in a month or two, we shall then receive out of it Pag^{s}. 3000 for account of Surapan, which he disburst by the Consent and direction of all the Inhabitants when Dowd Cawn was here, and he has also promis'd to clear the remainder of his debt very suddainly, which if he does not perform we know how to do it ourselves, and we hope the rest will do the same upon some terms or other.

We advis'd our sending you 12 Chests of Treasure to Bengall as you ordered which Mr. Sheldon acknowledges the receipt of in a particular Letter to your President but not one word how they have dispos'd of it, or whether it be sufficient to clear your debts but believe we may hear from them by some Vessells still expected thence.

Upon our receipt of ten thousand Pagodas in part of your debt from the United Company we agreed for some goods with Japan Chittee who was the New Companys Merchant at Metchlepatam by which means we in great measure stopt his mouth from Clamouring and tormenting us about the New Companys Debt, and as the Nabob was here, twas very lucky we did it, and what Goods he has brought in we now send on the Tankerville and Loyall Merchant and shall adjust his accounts in few days and what remains in Cash, and with what more we cant gett in shall be invested and sent to Bengall as advised in our former Letter.

We shall also make demand of your debt on the United as we see they are in Cash to comply for at present we believe when they have cleared with your Merchants and payd the West Coast Bills they will be indebted here near thirty thousand Pagodas for the United Trade.

We have Enquired of Mr. Harris who came on a Portuguez ship from Macow whether he had mett with anybody that could give an Account of Anqua he tells us he heard he was miserably poor, and not in a Condition to pay a Penny of his Debt but we hear better News from Siam, to which King your President wrote a Letter to demand a Debt due to you of many years standing, we are told the letters were very Civilly received and the King inclined to order satisfaction, but the truth of this we shall know by a ship we expect thence by whom we sent the Letter.

We here remitt you Mr. Ingram's answer to what you charge him with for goods wanting in Bales, who poor man is since dead, we must do him that Justice we all took him for a very ho[n]est man, and as mention'd in his paper we oppen'd here severall Bales to take a view of the goods and never was there found wanting in those Bales and as we formerly wrote you, when you made the like Complaint against some wanting for this Place. Upon receipt of that Letter we had a good Number of Bales in the Warehouse, most of which we open'd, and found not a piece wanting so are apt to believe you are rather injured at home then abroad in that matter, and to be sure for the future twould not be amiss that you told the pieces of every Bales by two trusty Persons, when you open any to take out musters for your sale and twould be worth knowing whither those Bales wanting had been open'd in the Warehouse before came to be deliver'd to the Buyer.

We have sent you some of your China Ware by the Loyall Merchant that lay by here, for that it would not sell, but believe in England it will in time for by your returning ships tis thought you'l meet with no encouragement to Trade any Longer thither, what now sent you on the Tankerville amounts Pag^{s}. 3718:22:3. and what on the Loyall Merchant Pag^{s}. 3693:1:1. as per Invoice and Bills of Lading inclosed which God send to arrive safe with you.

We herewith send you Copy of our Generall Books, and for what remains of your concerns here we shall take the same care to gett it in and dispose of it as if

it was our own, so with our most humble services to you wishing you all health and prosperity we are

Hon^ble^. Sirs,
Your most faithfull and obedient,
humble Servants,

THOMAS PITT
MATT. EMPSON
THOM. FREDERICK
RICHARD HUNT

FORT ST. GEORGE,
10^th^ Feb^ry^. 1706–7.

Since writeing the foregoing here arrived last night our China ship from Canton by which we received a letter from Mr. Beavoir designed for Amoy but lost his passage who we have empowerd to look after the debt of Anqua of which he gives some hopes as you'l see by copy of his letter inclosd we will not fail to use our endeavours to know the truth of what he writes by all oportunitys that presents for that Port.

Feb^ry^: 14^th^ 1706–7.

LETTER FROM ROBERT RAWORTH, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 13/15, 1707. RECEIVED PER TANKERVILLE, MARCH 8, 1708. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8502. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE^: DIRECTORS FOR THE SEPARATE AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH COMPANY TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble^: Sirs,

My last to you was October 13: by the Loyall Cooke Copy of which and the other Papers then sent, I here inclose for your perusall.

I advised you then that Messrs. Fraser and Wright had delivered me two Chests of Corrall said to be the remaines of your effects here, which I would not dispose of them tho a price was offer'd, being in Expectation of a Letter from you, which tho' it was not in the United Company's Packet for this place, yet I thought it might probably by mistake be put into that for Bengall, and accordingly wrote to Mr. Hedges your Chief there, to forward it by the first conveyance; but in his answer dated November, he advises me he had made a strict Scrutiny among all packets and papers, but could meet with none directed to me, so I suppose it must be left behind; I am very sorry it should so happen because it prevents my so strictly executing your commands as I would doe, and then it puts it out of my power to clear those objections you make against my proceedings at Metchlepatam, I shall wait till the arrivall of next ships when I dont doubt I shall have a duplicate of it and in the meantime exert myself to the utmost of my power for your service.

I was unwilling tho' the Letter miscarried that your affairs should suffer here, for which reason the 11th January an incouraging price offering for your corrall, I ventured to set it up at publick outcry (which is the custom of this place when there are a great many bidders for one commodity) and had the good fortune to sell one Chest at 90 and the other at 65 Pagodas per maund of 25. I beleive your Honours will wonder there shou'd be so great difference in the prizes when they were both invoict alike, but twas the opinion of the best Judges of Corrall on the place, and tho' they were both small yet one was abundantly less than t'other; I hope the method I tooke in disposing of it publickly will take of all suspicions that 'twas sold to serve a private interest to the prejudice of yours, and that twill meet your Honours approbation.

I have received of Mr. Fraser the ballance of your Cash in his hands being Pag^s^: 69: 6: 10, so that when I have collected the amount of your Corrall (which I sold at a months trust) I shall have about 1800 ^pu^: in my possession, with which

unless you order the contrary by next shipping, I designe to buy new rupees of this place, and consigne 'em to your Chief and Councill in Bengall to be invested in fine goods of that place and sent you in one of the United Company's ships that Season.

Your papers and accounts in his possession are not yet delivered me, I have acquainted him I 'me allways at leasure when he pleases to signifie to me he is so, to receive 'em, but I have not yet had any such message, and till I have, they must remaine where they are, the miscarriage of my Letter putting it out of my power to demand 'em of him.

Your Redwood at Metchlepatam was at first bought very dear and the longer it lyes there, the monthly charges on it (where is kept two peons and a bramin) enhances the price, so beleiving it for your Interest, I designe to desire the Governour and Councill for the United Affairs to permit a light ship of theirs bound to Bengall to touch at Metchlepatam and take it in and deliver it to your Chief etc.ª: there to be sold for the most they can, and remitted you with the amount of the Corrall, both which I hope will meet your approbation, for I can't beleive 'tis your intention that any part of your stock shou'd lye unemployed here.

I have not heard anything from the Merchants since the departure of the Loyall Cooke which I attribute to the direction the Old Company's President and Councill have given 'em, who have employ'd 'em to bring into the amount of P. 10,000 In Callicoes, after they have finished that, 'tis reasonable to beleive they 'll make their demands afresh but before that I hope a Ship will arrive with orders from you relateing to the clearance of their debt.

I have nothing more to add Wishing your Honrs: Success in all your undertakings, I am

Hon^ble: Sirs,
Your obedient faithfull Servant,
R. Raworth.

Fort St. George,
Febry: 13 1706–7.

Hon^ble: Sirs,

Since writing the foregoing was delivered in ε petition to the same purpose as that before the departure of the Loyall Cooke only with the alteration of exposing the Charector of the English to all Europe Nations as French Danes Dutch &cª: which I inclose for your Honours perusall.

Hon^ble: Sirs,
Your obedient Servant,
Robt: Raworth.

Febry: 15 1706–7

Abstract of letter from Thomas Frederick, Fort St. George, to the Company. February 14, 1707. Received per Tankerville, March 10, 1707 [1708 ?]. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 109. (*India Office transcript.*]

Returns his thanks for being appointed one of the Councill the Company having ordered that none of the Councill should be intimidated he complains that having opposed in Consultation Mr. Roaches being made first Ensign he having been in the French Service and others being before him and of great merit Mr. Davenport the Secretary intermedled with the debate on which Mr. Frederick bid him hold his tongue and a dispute arising thereupon in the Councill Mr. Davenport sent him a Challenge for the Affront which Mr. Frederick complaining of to the Governour he gave him but a small Reprimand therefore Mr. Frederick appeals to the Company.

Tho: Frederick.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1707–1708.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. SEPTEMBER 24, 1707. RECEIVED VIA DENMARK, JUNE 23, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 125. *(*India Office transcript*).]

1. Thô the Nathaniel is daily expected yet think proper to send a short account of Affairs.

2. Their last was the 31st January 10th and 14th February per Tankerville and Loyall Merchant they both Sail'd the 17th.

3. 15th March heard of the Mogulls death and that he had divided his Kingdoms to his three Sonns the 3d Caun Bux had Viziapore and Gulcondah which he was sent to with the Carnatta Countrey the 2d Assum Tarrah not content with his part Set up for King in June he was mett near Agra by the Elder Brothers 2 Sonnes and with his 2 Sonns kill'd and his Army routed so that the Eldest Brother Shaw Allum became King is now marching against the 3d Brother whom the Morattas have joyn'd.

4. Indian Frigott arrived 20 Aprill brought news of the Queen and Dovers being taken the Captain dead the Ship gon to the Bay to refitt.

5. The Countrey Pyrates infest the Mallabar Coast and took Mr. Whistlers ship he wounded and is dead also severall others near Bombay another Pyrate took the Bengall Ship Monsoon off Carwar Mr. Wilcocks her Supra Cargo dy'd at Goa.

6. Benjar lost the President and Council came to Batavia with the Blenheim Carleton and Jane The Phoenix Panther and Catherine laden before Sail'd for England; Kent and Stringer Galley bound for China were at Batavia 4 Madrass Ships being this year at Mocha mett there the Bombay Frigott hearing a Pyrate was in the Gulph agreed to stand by one another They sail'd 7th August the next day the Pyrate being 10 Guns 90 Men boarded the Rising Eagle Captain Chamberlain on which Captain Iago ran away this encouraged the Pyrates and Captain Chamberlain with his Chief Mate &c^{a}. being killed they took the Ship and afterwards the Essex who had the most Money being 100,000 Dollars Madrass last year and this has lost 200,000 Pagodas.

7. Howland arrived 12th July Dutchess the 18th the St. George the 3d August are all Sail'd for Bengall have sent 5,50,000 Rupees on the 2 first being all they could coyn all things at quiet but goods not plenty St. George will be early laden there.

8. Have made an Investment for 80,000 Pag^{a}. at St. Davids and intend 40,000 more there fearing can make none at Madrass because of the troubles which have been since the 20th August between the Right and Left hand Casts encouraged as they believe by Mr. Frazer hoped it had been ended Yesterday but it is broke out again and fear must use force of Arms the Parriers are the Mob who give the trouble.

9. Trade to all Parts near ruined.

10. Hear the Albemarl winter'd at Bombay.

THO: PITT
M. EMPSON
W. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
RICH: HUNT.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 10, & DECEMBER 22, 1707. RECEIVED PER NATHANIEL, OCTOBER 28, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 112 (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was of the 31st January 10th: 14th: 16th February 1706–7 by the Tankerville and Loyall Merchant which Ships Sail'd the 17th Ditto.

FIRST CONCERNING YOUR SHIPPING COME OUT OR RETURNING.

2. The Howland arrived the 12th July last and brought the Companys letters of the 15th and 28th January and 7th February the Dutchess arrived the 18th brought the Duplicates.

3. Sorry for the loss of the Queen and Dover wonder the Queen could not keep Company with the Dutch apprehend the French had a designe upon St. Helena.

4. Glad the Martha Howland &c^{a}. Ships arrived Safely with the like good fortune to all the other ships.

5. The Loss of the Edward and Dudley a disappointment to the West Coast no Europe ship arrived there in 2 years.

6. Kent and Stringer arrived Batavia were there in July Copy of a Letter from the Kent entered N^{o}. 62.

7. St. George Called in at Madrass 3 August Sail'd for the Bay the 12th.

8. Goods and Treasure received as per Invoice.

9. Shall observe the Companys directions as Standing orders and never deviate without necessity and a good reason.

10. Have observed for many years past to sending abstract of Letters and Invoices by the Captain to be forwarded by the 1st post and made the Packetts portable the Books of Accounts &c^{a}. sent in the larger box and have so directed the Captains in their Instructions.

11. Shall repart the Kents Tea if have other Tonnage or continue it on board have wrote to Bengall to know the Prizes of the goods the Kent will bring that may sell them at the best markett do always study your Interest in dispatching Ships and everything else.

12. Will take up Money at Interest if necessitated not else.

13. Shall follow all the Secrett Committees orders.

14. Supra Cargos of the Kents Accounts shall be settled according to their Covenants.

15. Have wrote to the Bay for Petre for the Ships Shall send to Bencoolen Petre.

16. Customary to pay Charterparty Money in Pagodas at the Currant price of Dollars when have no Dollars else in Dollars shall observe directions therein.

17. Reason for letting out the Loyall Cooke on freight to the Bay and Persia the Company reap considerably thereby in Persia and at Madrass besides the 8 months demorrage no private advantages made thereby and the freighters gett but little Profit.

18. Shall Continue to lodge Letters at Trincombar and Negapatam and preserve a friendship with them but you did not order the Ships to call there.

19. Shall deal with refractory Captains as reason and the Law directs.

20. The President formerly The Hugliana Ketch arrived from the Bay 31st March last with Petre and Stores thought to have kept her a Cruizing on account of the troubles on the Kings Death have let her on freight to Tonqueen for 2,500 Pagodas Sailing thither the 8th June is but 70 or 80 tons burthen.

21. The Indian Frigot arrived the 20th Aprill had no Letter from the Managers only one from the New Company by her heard of the Loss of the Queen Dover and Edward and Dudley She was shattered and in a bad condition when arrived 8th May the Captain desired their advice whereupon furnisht him with provisions and advised him to go to the Bay to refit the Ship Sailed the 12th June under charge of the 2^{d} Mate the 1st being discharged the Captain dy'd the 20th June his account comes herewith his Instructions sent to the Bay.

22. 24th June Nathaniel arrived from Persia Sail'd for the Bay the 12th July.

23. 9th August Dutchess sent to the Bay with 21 Chests Dollars and 28 chests rupees and half her lead to call in at Vizagapatam and leave 10,000 Pagodas with goods and stores.

24. 29th August Howland dispatcht for the Bay with 6 Chests Dollars and 40 of Rupees and half her lead.

25. Phœnix Katherine and Panther were at Batavia.

26. Blenheim• Carleton and Jane at Benjar 7th August the Bombay left Mocha with a lading of Coffee.

27. The Albemarle was at Bombay in July last.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

28. Desire no other woollen goods than what they write for.

29. Desire Medicines only as per List what generally sent is needless now sent none were forced to buy a Small Chest for St. Davids at 25 per Cent on Invoice.

30. The Chamblets[1] sold for the most they could none of the Council bought them nor are they guilty of such Practices.

31. Fine Cloth of Cloth Colours and Blacks per Martha Sold for what they could get no other Market buying any.

32. The Buyers of the last years silver for China Complain'd there was a quantity of German Dollars among it upon which examining by the warehousekeeper & C^{a}., and the Invoice allow'd the Buyers 150 Pagodas as per Consultation of the 24th April and 8th May.

33. Halfe the Lead sent to Bengall believing it will sell better.

34. The Broad Cloth received put up to Outcry Colloway and Vinkettee Chittees bought it at 30 per cent advance as per Consultation of the 24th and 31st July.

35. 19th July ordered the Silver to be sold for 16¼ Dollars w^{t}. for 10 Pagodas to be exported and 16½ Coynage 8th August the Warehousekeeper reported none would buy it whereupon agreed to Sell it at 16½ as per that Consultation.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

36. Shall observe the orders for Investments.

37. Have endeavour'd to bring down the Prices of Longcloth and Sallampores beleive none are bought cheaper than the Companys.

38. Shall follow orders about Red Wood Quick Silver and Vermillion have advis'd the like to the Bay.

39. Bencoolen having drawn on them 14081 pagodas 22:18 borrowed 10,000 Pagodas at Interest to pay them the 14th March and 4,000 Pagodas the 3^{d} April to pay St. Davids Bills which was repaid when they were in Cash.

40. Ordered Mr. Noden to encourage the Merchants to bring up Metchlepatam goods ordered in the List the Countrey troubles will hinder them.

41. Ordered an Investment at St. Davids for 30,000 Pagodas but would not be undertaken till near the time the Ships arriv'd thô at the same prices as last year Sent them 5,000 Pagodas the 10th July 24th Ditto encreas'd the Investment to 80,000 14th August sent them 20,000 Pag^{s}: and 30th September 20,000 more List of the Investment entered after the Consultation.

42. 6th August severall Merchants appear'd about an Investment propos'd to them the 8th Colloway and Vincatee Chittees refusing to joyn with Sunca Rama and Japan Chittee and the 2 latter would not promise for more than 4 or 500 Bales the 9th Agreed with Colloway and Vincatee as being most Substantiall on the Terms of last year as per particulars in the Consultations but the Troubles increasing about the Casts wrote to St. Davids to encrease their Investments 30 or 40,000 Pagodas but they being unwilling have prevailed on some other Merchants to do it.

[1] Obsolete form of *camlet*, a kind of stuff made of wool and silk. *Hobson-Jobson.*

FOURTHLY AS TO THE TRADE OF INDIA IN GENERAL & THEREIN ANY TRANSACTIONS WITH THE COUNTREY GOVERNMENT.

43. Have always been saving in and cautious about giving presents.

44. Wish the Arabs don't grow too strong.

45. 15th March received News the Mogull dyed the 20th February divided his Kingdoms to his three Sons the 2d Assim Terra assumed the title of King and marcht with the Mogulls Army towards Dilhi the Eldest Brothers sonn met him near Agra in June and slew him and his Two Sonns with severall Noble Men 100,000 Men fell on both sides the Eldest Shaw Allum then ascended the Throne vide Letter book N°. 57 : 10 : 106 shall send a Concise account thereof and Draught of the Battle by the next Ships.

46. Old Nabob continues in this Countrey nothing but robbing and plundering.

47. 27th March obliged the Moors to pay to the Gentue Pagoda according to the ancient Custom of all Sea Ports.

48. Serapau disbursed 3,000 Pagodas to the Kings Officers when the Nabob besieged Madrass which the Inhabitants permitted to repay out of the 1st money raised for the Town Wall but the Council was loath to part with any of it till the next assessment the natives insisting on it they have paid it to Serapau as per Consultation of the 17th April.

49. Dispute between the right and left hand Cast begun the 26th June the right hand insulting the left at one of their weddings in their own street and pull'd down their houses on Complaint the Ringleaders were punisht and a Survey being taken proper bounds were set by the Consent and approbation of both Casts and stones set up to ascertain them which Mr. Frazer was very forward for and desired the Governour and Councill would go in procession to see it done 3 days after papers were found fixed on them and a kind of Enchantment and the Parriars went thrô the sheets [streets ?] appointed for the left hand Cast in an insolent manner the Governour seizing severall of them with design to punish them Mr. Frazer made a speech in their behalf to the purpose of the Petition just after given in by the right hand Cast but deny'd he had made or seen it 20th July most of the right hand Cast retired to St. Thoma particularly the Boatmen Watermen Fishermen Barbers, &c^{a} : necessary servants there being no oppression don them and the Council being told it was because of the favour to the left hand Cast Mr. Frazer was charged to have betray'd their Councils his defence being frivolous he was Suspended the Companys Service. The Governour being desirous to accommodate matters between the 2 Casts gott 12 of the heads of each to sit in the Consultation room and agree together which they did and the same is entertain'd in the Consultation of the 25th and they took Oaths of friendship notwithstanding this the desertion encreased whereupon severall of the ringleaders therein were confined the 29th both sides agreed again and a Generall Pardon was issued out to encourage the peoples return but it had no effect reasons for not forcing them from St. Thoma back 10 September the stones were Stollen away the Peddeneague charged therewith and obliged to give bayl 9th ditto the heads of the right hand cast round the countrey came to St. Thomas and wrote a letter to the Governour the Translate laid before the Councill which letter seems to have been wrote at Madrass not St. Thoma 14th Severall Armenians and Persians acquainted the Councill they were betrayed by their own Servants whereupon accepted their service as per Consultation of the 15th and 16th which confirms Mr. Frazer is concerned in that vile Action whereupon they confined him.

50. By letters from the Bay dated the 8th August expected the Nathaniel who is not yet arrived all quiet but people unwilling to launch out money in trade.

51. 23rd past the Inhabitants returned from St. Thoma to the English bounds and then went back again whereupon were preparing to attack St. Thoma but prevailed on to forbear it those at St. Thoma would have forced such as

stay'd at Madrass and went to perswade them back to sign a rebellious paper whereupon the Councill demanded back the Pardon Sent them next day they returned in the Evening and with them Mootombee the Governour of St. Thoma made him a present as per consultation which the right hand cast must repay when proper whereupon Mr. Frazer was released; refer to consultations for the Particulars of this troublesome affair and Mr. Frazers suspension and confinement in June July August September and October.

52. Trade of India in Generall ruined.

53. All traders to Atcheen ruined at Batavia ill used and no profit risco to China more than the profit no ships from Manilha.

54. Syam little profit hope for better.

55. No profit from the Bay to Madrass or Suratt nor from China to Suratt.

56. Kings Merchant at Gombroon would be the sole buyer whereupon the Nathaniels Supra Cargos were forced to take up some money and carry their goods to Ispahaun the Great Londons Supra Cargos did the same the Little London went to Bussara 2 Muscatters of 60 or 70 guns came into the Road and with their boats row'd round their ships fear would have taken the Nathaniel had not Sir George Mathews Convoy'd her out of the Gulph Sir Georges Shipes Customes by his consent near clear'd the Companys arrears.

57. The Dyamond sailing from the Bay to Bombay was taken by a Countrey Pyrate near the Island Mr. Whistler Supra Cargo dy'd in their hands, his Legg shott off and one of the Bombay Man of Warr boats and 6 or 7 Dutch and Portugeez Ships threatens to have the Companys 2 Ships building in England for Bombay another Countrey Pyrate took Mr. Wilcocks Ship Monsoon near Carwar.

58. Four Madrass ships sent to Mocha met Captain Iago in the Bombay there and agreeing to Consort made him Commodore 7th August Sail'd from Mocha a Pyrate Brigantine of Ten Guns 80 Men Boarded and took Captain Chamberlain of 150 Tons all the rest forsook him and ran away then the Pyrate made after and took the Essex who had 25 to 30 Cheasts Treasure Madrass has lost by the Pyrates 200,000 Pagodas most of it the Englishes fear no Countrey Ship must adventure nor European unless well manned.

Fifthly as to your Fortifications and Revenues.

59. Can only send account of stores when the books are annually closed desire no Stores but what wrote for which will save the Companys money.

60. Shall continue of the opinion formerly advised about Souldiers till otherwise ordered which is a present saving 1,000 pagodas and prevents the like Charge in future List of such whose times are out mark'd with a star.

61. Shall follow orders about the Ruby Brokeridg.

62. Have always endeavoured to improve all parts of the Revenue desire to know if have heard anything to the Contrary that it may be rectifyed.

63. Moyety of Salvage given to Clear the road of Anchors and is reasonable.

Sixthly Touching Factors Writers Officers and Souldiers and their Accounts.

64. No probability of raising a Revenue at Vizagapatam the reason the obtaining the three towns near them was well don but they don't remove the Moors Custom houses which are between them and Madrass could have got them remov'd for 400 pagodas but can keep them better in order when so near.

65. On the Europeans first Settlements the Natives thought them innocent as themselves but now they are Crafty and Cautious by Example and fear an obliging carriage is only to deceive.

66. Josia Letreyl dead years past.

67. Will persevere in keeping up the accounts.

68. None of them will be Concerned in freighting Separate Stock Ships for England but hope the Company don't mean to restrain their freighting on them in

the Countrey which is don for Security only there being no trading on Countrey Ships and want of Trade will be felt in the Revenues Servants can't live on the small allowance gain'd in the Companys Service.

69. Had they had Liberty would have sent all the Companys Stock for the Fort to the Bay the Companys profitt being their Satisfaction have sent to St. Davids all they can.

70. Have wrote to the Bay about goods for Captain Harrisons ship.

71. The 64 Chests Silver per Howland Coyn'd and sent to the Bay in rupees by her and the Dutchess.

72. Shall follow orders about Ships that go to St. Helena to give the Captains instructions.

73. And settle with the Lascars terms that are entertained in the Companys ships.

74. Shall entertain Josia Cooke if he desires it.

75. When advised of deceased estates always took care to clear their Accounts with the Company and others.

76. Shall put the Petre in the Bags as ordered.

77. They never detain'd a Ship a Day longer than absolutely necessary as the Commanders can tell.

78. Daniel Evans and John Mason writers arrived.

79. Shall reperuse the account of Stores not reckon'd as Dead Stock and State it apart per January Ships.

80. Concerning the Charge of the Towne Wall which the Inhabitants being to bear was transferred to the United Company who only had power to collect it how necessary it was everyone can tell.

81. Shall review and adjust the Old Companys goods received on a valuation.

82. Captain Seaton first Lieutenant broke as per Consulation of the 27th February.

83. Mr. Robert Coppin lay'd down the service as per Consultation 26th June.

84. Mr. Bennet writer stay'd at the Fort.

85. Mr. Thomas Fawcett entertained and made a Steward.

86. Refer to Consultation of 22th August about Mr. Frazers Suspension.

87. Mr. Rogers designed Supra Cargo of the Lympo arrived Madrass on the Indian Frigott a vile fellow and broke open a Press of Papers in the Secretary's Office reason for not punishing him as per Consultation 13th and 23th September.

SEVENTHLY AS TO FORTS &C.ª SUBORDINATE TO THIS PRESIDENCY.

88. Mr. Hains house at Codolore bought for 1,000 Pagª intend to make the Factory there and sell the Ground of the Old one.

EIGHTLY TOUCHING AFFAIRS OF THE WEST COAST.

89. In February last 200 Bags Petre freighted for Bencoolen but by Storm so much damaged shall make the Owners pay for it.

90. The Resolution arrived from the West Coast in July their Letter of 26th May enter'd No. 51 advising they had drawn Bills for Dollars 54738½ which were protested for non acceptance ordered the Stores wrote for to be sent and wrote to St. Davids for the Blew Sallampores Captain Hart petitioned about some of the Bills which is entered the not accepting the Bills has caused great murmuring hope the Company will pay Principall and Interest the goods sold at the West Coast were bought Cheap.

91. Have hired the Anne Frigot for the West Coast shall send on her petre and Stores and goods as per Consultation of 6th and 8th August.

92. The Charleton from Batavia arrived 25th August brought news of the loss of Benjar the Blenheim Carleton and Jane then at Batavia.

93. 16th September Mr. Wheeler arrived from the West Coast bringing Copy of their last letter and an addition of the 11th August wish the Place don't meet the fate of Benjar.

94. Concerning Mr. Chardins Bills drawn for moneys of his paid into Cash on the West Coast which have refused to pay as per Consultation of the 30th September.

NINTHLY CONCERNING THE R^T. HON^BLE. OLD EAST INDIA COMPANY.

95. 1st May agreed to pay Interest on the debt due to them as per Consultation.

96. Afterwards paid them in part Pag^s. 23977 : 33 : 60.

TENTHLY CONCERNING THE R^T. HON^BLE. NEW EAST INDIA COMPANY.

97. New Companys Merchants at Metchiepatam the 17 July demanded their debt but were desired to stay till Ships come.

ELEVENTHLY CONCERNING SEPARATE STOCK SHIPS.

98. Chamber Frigot arrived 26th May was hired to freight for Bengall and Mocha and Sail'd the 18th July.

99. London arrived from Persia 18th June Sail'd for the Bay 8th August bound as believe the same voyage.

100. John & Elizabeth arrived 31 July Sail'd 8th September freighted for the Bay Suratt and Persia.

TWELFTHLY NEWS RELATING TO THE FRENCH.

101. French vessell returned in April from Don Mascarenas to Pollicherry with 40,000 Dollars and 58 English and 1 Irish Pyrate they lent a summe to that Companys Cash few days past went back with the same vessell.

22ND DECEMBER 1707.

102. The foregoing lay ready for the Nathaniel to have been dispatcht in October who springing a Leak was detain'd as per Bay Letters 29th August, 13th October and 6th November Bay Packet by her comes herewith the Nathaniel Arrived 27th November being bad Weather was 10 days too soon last year cautioned the Bay against dispatching Ships to arrive in that month.

103. 18th October the Anne sail'd for Bencoolen with Petre Goods and Stores amounting to Pagodas 970 : 6 : 5 : and 20 topas Souldiers with Wives and Children.

104. Tho the Casts are returned which Deserted they are not well reconciled the Poorer sort will never desert again the whole was contrived by a few influences by Serapau washermen said they were forced away against their inclinations by the heads of their Cast Boatmen promised they would never again be guilty of the like as per Consultation 22nd October, 2nd December but being a perfidious people have wrote for handicrafts from all places that don't depend on the right hand Cast and are building 12 Boats for the expected boatmen.

105. Since the deserters returned a Cojan [cadjan ?] was hanged up at the Bridge Gate charging Narrain Surapau Timapau Sunca Rama and Andee Chittee to have contrived the late rebellion being sent for they deny'd it and examining the Matter at the Pagoda declared could not find the Author that Night 4 Gentue Papers were put on the Bastions of the inner fort charged the Governour to be the Author of it if the Authors are discovered shall punish them for the infamous libell.

106. The like Disputes about the Casts has been at Policat, Negapatam, Porto Novo and Trincombar formerly 5th November 1652 the then President and

Council Settled matters between the Casts as is now don as per Translate enterd in Consultation 30th October.

107. 3 October, left hand Cast delivered in a Petition complaining of injustice don them by the right hand Cast as per Consultation 6th November desireing redress or to leave the place they are the best and most of the Merchants Carpenters &c^{a}. the Answer enter'd 26th November and 2nd December.

108. Their Letter about the Pyrates sent apart hope the Company will think it their Interest to procure their Pardon the Brigantine Sail'd 26th October for Madagascar which Carry'd the Account that would Write to England to get a Pardon.

109. If could bring from Madagascar 100 Negro boys from 10 to 16 years of Age would be proper to be brought up to handicrofts trades and be Souldiers the Dutch become formidable by making their Slaves handicrofts.

110. True reason of the difference of the Casts is altering the Old Method of advancing Money on Contracts want of that has Shared out the right hand Cast and Serapau and Timapan can't be head Merchants again unless can drive out the head of the other Casts which shall take care to prevent the left hand Cast preferable especially as to Investments are wealthy thrifty and parsimonious the others profligate profuse and Generally beggars hazardous to Trust them the Right hand Cast up the Countrey employ the left hand Cast as Factors at Madrass 3 Substantiall Rich men among the Ringleaders of the late Mischief Narrain whose father some years ago was Butler to the Fort Sunca Rama who 20 years ago was very poor and is much involved with the Government was concerned in Setting up a Mint at St. Thoma to ruin the Companys and got the Nabobs and Duan to order them coyns to be Currant at the Fort 4 or 5 Mints in the Countrey Coyn Pagodas with the Madrass stamp but shall break them as have don others by keeping up to matt and w^{te}. rupees Coyn'd at other Mints forced to be recalled being base money 200,000 of them recoyned at Madrass no Mint in the World has better repute Andee Chittee a tool of Sunca Ramas is worth Money but will not encrease it Timopan and Surapau worth nothing at least Timopan both as great Villains as live.

111. 14th Past took up 7,500 Pag^{s}. at Interest to send to St. Davids 15,000 Pag^{s}. more sent thither per Nathaniel 13,000 of it borrow'd for a Month.

112. Little London returned to the Bay and made a good Voyage to Bussora Letter received by her from Persia No. 79.

113. Second instant Mr. Frazer demands his charge as per Consultation Deserters refused to accept their Pardon without Mr. Frazer signed it and was restored 6th instant he sent a paper questioning the Governour and Councills Power to Confine if they have not have none to Punish let the Crime be as it will and then Government is at an end Mr. Frazer in Councill on the Governours refusall to discharge a Sawcy Scotch Drummer Ask'd where was the property of the subject and during his Confinement perswaded the Centinells who Served more than 5 years to demand discharges the said paper burnt at the Gallowes.

114. No means neglected to recall the Deserters because should want them when the Nathaniel arrived otherwise it had been their punishment to have let them stay longer.

115. Two persons brought brass Money of Madrass Stamp Supposed was brought for a Tryall were punisht as per Consultation of the 2nd instant.

116. Nathaniel Survey'd 9th instant and sent to St. Davids to load was leaky under her main chains but it is stopt.

117. Account of Sale of blacks &c^{a}. Colour'd Cloth enclosed and the Account between the Old and United Company which was made up according to the Quinque partite Indenture the Old Company had not Interest for what they disbursed till the books were made up.

118. The Council in the Bay can spare no Bales for the Kent Coyning the Silver very Serviceable to them shall Coyn for them King Sha Allums rupees but suffer none to pass about Madrass lest should disgust Caun Bux.

119. Desire Souldiers but no Scotch they are Saucy and mutinous.

120. Dutch War with the Javans chargeable and dubious their free men remove home.

121. Countrey Government unsetled troubles at the Court of Delhi no orders coming from thence to the remote parts Caun Buxes Sonne drawing down towards Golconda the Nabob advanced toward him and giving him a summe of Money a Cessation was agreed on for 4 Months in that time the Nabob expects orders whether shall deliver up the Countrey to Caun Bux notwithstanding which hear Caun Bux is drawing down.

122. Desire 3 or 4 large Irish dogs and 6 pair of Swans to present the Nabob.

123. Dutchess arrived last night from Bengall Rochester there lading home Howland freighted for Persia Copy of the Bencoolen Letter to Bengall in the Packett.

124. Nathaniel kept at Madrass till heard at Fort St. Davids was bales enough to load her Invoice to be sent from thence shall unlade and relade the Dutchess in a few Days.

THO: PITT
M. EMPSON
W. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
RICH: HUNT.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR AND 58 INHABITANTS, FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. NOVEMBER 24, 1707. RECEIVED PER NATHANIEL, OCTOBER 28, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 127. (*India Office transcript*).]

Complain of the great Loss the Inhabitants of Madrass have Suffer'd by the Pyrates most of which come from Madagascar Captain Penruddock taken coming out of the Gulph of Mocha the last year whereby lost 40000 Pagodas 4 Ships meeting with Captain Iago at Mocha this year agreed to come out together the 7th August near the Babs they were chased the 8th by a Brigantine who took the Rising Eagle and Essex and in them 120000 Pag^{s}. the Dyamond taken by a Countrey Pyrate last year off Bombay and in her 40000 Pag^{s}. and off Carwar the Savajees took a Bengall Ship So that in a years time have lost 200000 Pag^{s}. of which the Madrass Europeans are the greatest sufferers.

Captain Cornwall in the Mary an Empty Ship arrived the 7th September Mr. Bennett Supra Cargo of the Essex was put ashore and got to Anjengo and so to Madrass The Unity who had the smallest Stock Winters at Tutecareene her Supra Cargo bro^{t}. up her Treasure the 10th October in a Boat the Essex after being plundered to her very Stores was returned by the Pyrates and got to Tellichery the Severall Naratives of Messrs. Bennett Stoaks Greenhaugh Harriott Captain Cornwall and Captain Punt relating to these Pyracies enclosed Mr. Bennett declaring that the Pyrates would leave off their Practices and return to Her Majesty's Dominions if they might have a Pardon they hope the Company will procure their Pardon without which they can never be rooted out of Madagascar and if not speedily it will be too late Petition to the Queen on this Affair now sent pray the Companys Interest to get it granted else very few will adventure to trade and that will prejudice the Companys Affairs should the Pyrates take a rich Moors Ship it will put a stop to the Companys trade have wrote a letter by Mr. Bennett to the Pyrates its Copy sent wherein are directions for the Ship that shall bring it out hope the Commander of such Ship will be a Prudent Man and shall have proper Cautions for the Security of his Ship.

[Signed by the Governor and Councill and Inhabitants being in all 58.]

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. DECEMBER 6, 1707. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS, SEPTEMBER 28, 1708. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8526. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE. GOV^R. DEPUTY AND COMMITTEES
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE. GOV^R. AND COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON.
TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble. Sirs,

Our last to you was the 10th and 14th February per ships Tankervill[e], and Loyall Merchant Copy whereof comes in this ship, since which we have received yours of the 7th February last per Howland, and a copy of yours of the 5th July designed us by the Edward and Dudley, to both which we now give Answer.

We were very glad to hear of the Arrivall of the Martha, and hope the Goods sent on her prove good of their sort, and to give you fresh Assurances that we are doing all we can to recover your debts we have since our last Letter receiv'd three thousand Pagodas from Surapan and there was two more of that sett of Merchants, one of which called Perpettum whose proportion of the debt was 2170 and another called Comrapan Chittee Pagodas 2000, both being very ill and like to dye in Prison we compounded with the former for 1100 pagodas to be payd in fine Long Cloth, and with the other for 1000 to be payd in the same manner, which Cloth comes upon the Dutchess, and if the same had been our own we would have been glad with the like composition.

In former Letters we have wrote you very fully about your West Coast Affairs and the mismanagement of them (to say no worse) has as much affected us as possibly it has done any of the concern'd.

We Observe what the Managers order in their instructions to Messrs. Cross and Hoyle, whose management we wish may Answer all your Expectations and doubtless the Managers were very uneasie at the acceptance of the Bills for Sixty One Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars payable to Severall Persons as also for that of yours of Sixty Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-five and we were no less surprized at it, and nothing could have induced us to have swerved from the reasons enter'd in our Consultations for not accepting of them but the Apprehensions we were under that it would be the intire ruin of the place, which was too great a weight for us to take upon ourselves without positive orders from the Managers, and then as you say there was great reason for your Bill to be payd for that it appear'd to be receiv'd in their Cash Book, and we hope 'twas the same as to the other Bills payable to particular Persons, we can't think but that Messrs. Cross and Hoyle will find all Bills on this Place enter'd in their Cash Book, thô there is a Mystery in that too, which they have practis'd since their independency on this place, from which time we believe they have Squander'd away not less than One Hundred Thousand Pagodas which should have been prevented had they been under our direction.

We shall duly Observe what you write in Copy of your Letter to Messrs. Cross and Hoyle who as soon as we hear are arriv'd, we will frequently importune them to do what you therein desire.

We heartily condole the Misfortune of Ship Queen whose Letters you say you have receiv'd. 'Tis true there was some of your Stores by mistake carry'd off to Dead Stock which did not properly belong thereto, and therefore was recharg'd as owing to your Account, and for our parts we have made a strict scrutiny into that matter, and were guided therein by the Union Charter, and Quinque Partite Indenture, so that believe upon the strictest inspection, 'twill be found we have acted very honestly and fairly between both Companys, and 'twas allwaies the practice of this place to reckon no Stores for Dead Stock, but such as were in use for the Garrison and Shipping, and the remainder allwaies lay for Sale, and so we have severall times wrote the Gentlemen at the Bay.

We yearly lay up Stores of Paddy and Pork for fear of troubles from the Country, and buy in Plank and Timber and severall other Stores, which when we find have no occasion for, we dispose of them as opportunity presents.

Sirs, You will see in the Consulations and Generall Bookes that we took Care for your having Interest allowed for what due to you here from the United Company and we wrote also to Bengall very strenuously on that Subject, and what else you order'd us as appears by our Letter N$_o$.-to which we humbly referr you.

We Advis'd you last year that we had employ'd one Jappan Chittee a New Company's Merchant to make your small Investment, good part of which he did not bring in till after the departure of the Ships, which is the reason we send you any Goods from hence, besides the Betteelas ordinary Long Cloth and Salampores, and for Chey Goods they are still very dear and none in Town.

You adviseing that Bay Goods turn to the best Account induc'd us to demand part of your debt of the United Company which was payd us as being Pagodas 23,977; 33; 60 in Dollars at 16½ for ten Pagodas which we sent thither on the Dutchess to Invest according to your directions, and wou'd have coin'd it but that the United Company had so much Silver in the Mint and the troubles of the Cast prevented it.

We have desired those Gentlemen in the Bay that what they send may be upon early Ships for the reasons you mention, and we did hope to have dispatched the Nathaniel hence the beginning of October, but you'l hear she sprang a leak in Bengall, which deferr'd her comeing here till the 27th last Month, who brought us a Letter from your Council there, saying that they will Load the amount of the Ten Chests of Dollars upon the St. George who they intended to dispatch an early Ship Copy of that Letter is N$_o$.- to which we referr you for an Account of your Affairs there.

As to Timmapan's demands none of us that sign this will ever be an Advocate for him, for he has been one of the principall villains that rais'd the late disturbance amongst the Casts.

Your Bookes and Letters from Bengall last year gave you a full account of the state of your Affairs there whither we sent no Persons in the room of Messrs. Games and Petty not doubting but that your Council there will be faithfull to you, so that the sending anybody would only create a charge and be of no service.

Whatever Cash we have now by us or can recover in more of your debts, we will send to Bengall to be invested as you have directed, unless we can meet with such Oringall Betteelas as mention of which we have little prospect.

Since our last to you we have had no ships from Siam so can give you no further account of your debt due from the King of that place.

You'l see in your Books you have some few Anchors and Guns here, which have been putt up to Sale but would not sell which shall speedily be disposed [of] for the most can be gott as also everything belonging to you in this place.

Your Council in Bengall advise that they yearly send you their Books which is the reason we don't send Copy of them from hence, You'l see your Debt there amounts to rupees One Hundred Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Fourty Nine 4^{an}: 5^{cc}: which you have not given positive orders shall be clear'd off as money comes in, but that what we received should be sent to Bengall to be Invested, which accordingly we have done, as before mention'd, and shall do the like for the future till we hear again from you.

There will come on the Dutchess about One Hundred Bales of Goods of this Place for your Account, which will be all that we shall send you unless we receive any part of your debt in Goods from the Merchants.

We wish prosperity to your Affairs abroad and at home and are

Hon^{ble}. Sirs
Your most faithfull & Obedient
Humble Servants
THOMAS PITT
MATT. EMPSON
THOMAS FREDERICK
RICHARD HUNT.

[General] Letter from Fort St. George to the Company. December 19, 1707. Received per Dutchess, September 25, 1708. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8529. (*India Office transcript*).]

To the Hon^ble^: the Directors for Affairs of the R^t^: Hon^ble^: English East India Company.

Hon^ble^: Sirs,

You are advis'd in a letter apart from Thomas Pitt of the receipt of yours of the 7th February and that he had taken Robert Raworth to his assistance in your Metchlepatam affairs, as haveing been conversant therein.

We observe your resentment of the actions of your Metchlepatam President with whome T. Pitt held no manner of correspondence, or had to doe with him for a fanam, after he came into your service soe is wholely a stranger to any frauds committed by him, or any piscashes he receiv'd, yet can't but think you had hard usage in some respects, but know not whether it may be justly imputed to his Infidelity Ignorance or carelessness, and for R. Raworth he was then very young, and the top of his preferment was a little while the secretary, soe was never let into the arcana imperia ; as to the Dustore Mr. Tillard Wee suppose informs you, that was shared between the Chiefe Dubash, and some conocoplies, for that you have noe credit for it in any of your accounts but the Merchants paid it. How well satisfy'd the proprietors of your bills are with the payment, is fully answer'd in other letters, only we must advise you this as a great truth, that you paying those bills in the manner you did, and wee not paying the West Coast Bills has soe impair'd the credit of Comp^as^: that black nor white will not lend anything considerable to 'em, unless your Governour gives his single bond, instances of which is few days past.

Upon the receipt of your letter T. Pitt wrote to the Merchants of Metchlepatam, that if they would come hither or depute anybody, we would treat with 'em about the adjustment of your debt, and soon after they set out from thence for this place but meeting with troubles in the way they were forc'd to return, and wait now an opportunity to come up by sea, with whom wee shall discourse fully about your Affairs, and advise you what materiall, we are morally assur'd that Mr. Tillard carry'd with him hence your books and accounts wherein doubtless are enter'd the amount of the bonds standing out under their hands, and your seale, which by our consultation book and the list left thereof with R. Raworth amounts to Pag^s^: 65265 : 1 : 75 : in part of the interest of which Messrs. Frasier and Wright paid Pagodas 1369 soe that you may see there is a very bulky summ remaining, and doubtless you could not but be well appris'd of it at your writeing of this letter, wherein some expressions startle us very much, for in the 4th paragraph wherein you expect we shall get all your bonds deliver'd up, and cancell'd, you say, " If there should be any remains and what wee have allready done should not be sufficient to satisfye the unreasonable demands of the Black Merchants " then you expect and hope the produce of the goods in R. Raworths hands will fully discharge the same, which you order to be dispos'd of and apply'd for that purpose, and then you say again, " If that should fall short, that then we shall make a final end of all just demands, and draw bills on you for the amount upon the best terms we can," now your doubts surprise us very much, for that you seem to question whether you owe any thing at all, which is soe far otherwise that by R. Raworth Messrs. Frasier and Wright, there is noe more payd since Mr. Tillard went, then Pag^s^: 1369—as by the account inclosed, and there is nothing left to pay what remains but the produce of the corrall, and redwood when it can be sold, which will not clear near the Interest if they insist upon it.

R. Raworth deliver'd up to T. Pitt upon the receipt of your orders the ballance of his account which is Pag. 1732 : 10 : 73 : and his account comes inclos'd, and promis'd to deliver Mr. Fraser's papers and accounts as soon as he could get 'em of him, which he frequently importun'd him for, but he delaying it from time to time, soe now the 17th Instant when we were answering your letter R. Raworth went to him, to demand those accounts when he only gave him a foule

cash book, and some receipts at the end of it, told him he had noe accounts of what he receiv'd of Messrs. Faunce & Baker, but beleiv'd the Conocoply had, or else it must be in Messrs. Faunce and Baker's hands about which wee have wrote 'em, and shall give you their answer if it comes time enough, in the sequell of this letter or else by the Dutchess.

Wee shall observe your orders when the Merchants come up, in stating their accounts whether what due to 'em be properly their own or borrow'd names, and act accordingly.

We heartyly Condole the loss of the Queen and Dover, and other misfortunes that have of late befallen you.

Doubtless Messrs. Frasier and Wright gave you a full account of this affair by the ships that arriv'd safe with you, and the latter being on the Loyall Cooke, you can't faile of the same, when the merchants arrive wee will be sure to make those enquiries you direct, and give you a Faithfull account thereof, and wee have allready compar'd the musters of the New Company with the Old, and find 'em as mention'd in the paper inclos'd, tho' the best way for you would have been to have compar'd your goods with Old Companys they both being bought at one and the same time and place.

Japa Chittee who was one of your Cheife Merchants who T. Pitt employ'd in makeing a small investment for the Old Company to prevent his giving trouble on account of your debt has played the villain, in joyning with the Right hand Cast against the left, and has been one of the principall instruments of our late troubles, yet nevertheless wee shall keep him here by some means or other, to prevent his doing worse, as wee are inform'd he has often threaten'd. We have wrote to Mr. Noden at Metchlepatam to freight up your Redwood hither, as any opportunity presents, for should it lye there much longer good part would be embezl'd and rott, there is none of your ships touch there now, besides when they come up from Bengall they are fully laden, soe cannot avoyd the charge of freighting it.

Sirs you may be assur'd that wee will serve you heartily and faithfully in this matter, and tho' wee should bring 'em to a reasonable accommodation, wee don't see any prospect of being able to take up money to comply therewith, for people are not only unwilling to take bills upon comp^{ns}. as aforemention'd, but the late losses has empoverish'd this place very much, soe we beleive you'le be under a necessity of sending out money to clear it, or English Cloth which must not be publish'd when it comes, and then the persons that have the management of this affair may wee beleive bring 'em to a considerable abatement but if they know there is anything come to pay 'em they will not abate a fanam, when wee have discours'd the Merchants Wee shall write you what more offers on this subject.

We are
Hon^{ble}. Sirs
Your most Obedient humble
Servants
THO. PITT.
[and others ?]

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Dec^{r}. the 19th, 1707.

LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. DECEMBER 19, 1707. RECEIVED PER NATHANIEL, OCTOBER 28, 1708. [*O.C.*, *Vol.* 62, *No.* 8530. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THE DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Hon^{ble}. Sirs,

I received yours of the 7th and 12th February the former cheifely relateing to the debt owing to your Metchlepatam Merchants I answer apart with Mr. Raworth, who I have taken into my assistance in that affair, as having been conversant therein, and shall here only give answer to what you write relateing

to the Dead Stock, which accounts wee have not only reveiw'd in Councill, but I have also done it apart, and can't find any just reason to alter one article in favour of the United Trade, if wee persue your agreement in the Quinque-partite Indenture, which wee took for our direction, and to prevent our erring the Accomptant had the inclos'd paper lye before him for his guide. 'Tis to be seen by the Generall books of this place that it has been the custome to bring all Stores sent from England, and bought in the Countrey under the head of dead stock, thô the warehousekeeper and storekeeper in whose hands they lay, sold what demanded, as you will see by their monthly accounts and what wanting for the service of the Garrison, is allways order'd to be deliver'd out by the Governor and Councill, and all petty stores by the Governour only; of the expence of which there is constantly a monthly account given in, which you'le see in your books are paid for by the officer that receives 'em; the greatest part of which is your Paymasters so that all stores are sold to the Garrison, in the same manner as they are to particular people, the difference only this, that the Garrison has the preference, and pays invoice price whereas particular people pay the market price; then for Stores in the Country such as timber, Iron, Paddy, and whatever else we apprehend will be wanting for the service of the Garrison, is order'd by the Governour and Councill to be bought by the Warehousekeeper or Storekeeper, which are likewise deliver'd out as there is occasion for their expence, or else sold as Merchandize and if this method was not practis'd you would have great wast and spoyle in your stores, and upon any extraordinary conjuncture we should meet with great disappointment for that most or all are lyable to perish, soe that what stores were not used or employ'd in the service of the Forts or Factories at the time of the Union, not deliver'd out for that purpose by the Warehousekeeper or storekeeper with submission I think that 'tis very plain, that the aforesaid indenture deems 'em to be goods, and merchandize, and there was at the time of the Union a greater quantity of Countrey powder and shot in this garrison then was ever before known, which you'le see wee likewise sell to very good advantage when there is demand for it, but yet as it was under the proper officers care that expends it, for that reason we made it all dead stock; then as to Fleet Point and the Black Town Wall, 'twas built at the request of the Inhabitants who likewise desir'd that wee would for the present lay out the money, and they would reimburse it, by an assessment and seeing there was an urgent necessity for it to be done, for that wee were apprehensive (and since wee have soe found it) that the Moors aften draw down to St. Thoma with their Army, induc'd us to undertake it, to prevent a fatall destruction of your Black Town, which wee could not have withstood, with four times the number of forces wee have, had they attack'd us, which I am inform'd they [o]ften debated in their councills, and at the time of the Union it was not halfe built, part of the charge of which was collected and brought to the Credit of that account which was transferr'd to the United books, by reason that Company had then the government who could only oblige the Inhabitants to performe their promise, which had been long since comply'd with, had it not been for some who insinuated into the natives, that paying custom they ought not to contribute to such a charge, nor did the Company expect it, and that 'twas only the single act of the Governour, by which means he hoped to purchase your favour, but you'le see now, that there is a considerable part of it payd, and brought to the credit of that head, as by the account inclos'd, and I 'le doe what possible before I leave this place to make 'em pay the remainder, who I beleive would not, but that it had been built for ten times the money, they dayly experiencing their security thereby.

And for the Interest I think there is nothing charg'd but what is fair and justifyable, and that you have the advantage of that point, in regard you pay noe interest for any stores, that was deliver'd you within the year, as you'le see by the foot of the account inclos'd, and if that be not their due, I beleive none is.

And for the Stores you have receiv'd of 'em, some were bought at outcry, and others transferr'd to you at such rates as they would have sold upon the place for ready money, soe that if there be any error in this matter of the dead stock,

pray be soe favourable as to impute it to my ignorance, for I would not willingly doe an injustice to serve any interest whatever.

Sirs, 'twas noe small surprize to me to see that you honour'd me with your commands, which I will be sure to execute with the nicest honour and care immaginable, and the best judgment I am capable of, thô I fear the event will come short of my wishes, and your expectations, for the reasons Mr. Raworth and I shall give you in a letter apart. I did conceive I had done you an eminent peice of service (and believe time has or will confirme it) in assisting as I did Mr. Tillard, in paying soe considerable a part of your Metchlapetam debt, for having not been only an eye witness, but likewise concern'd in England, in buying East India bonds, Tallies, banck notes &c^{a}. which I never heard was censur'd unfair or illegall, encourag'd me to buy yours here, which was then a demonstrable advantage to your selves, and noe less then preserving the Merchants from ruin, but you who are the fountaine of justice have convinc'd me of my error in makeing soe considerable abatement as a shilling upon each pagoda, three per cent prompt payment as if the bills of exchange had been put up to sale, and a whole year's interest, besides put us to the charge of ½ per cent recovering it, all which amounts not to less then between 18 and 20 per cent but hope when you have consider'd it, you'le find it more just and reasonable to repay it, then at first you did to deduct it, for I assure you I came not into that undertakeing wholely for my own interest, for that I could have invested my money to as much or more advantage, and nothing induc'd me to it, soe much as the consideration that I then serv'd my Friends as well as myselfe; but let some sychophants suggest to you what they please, had not that money been paid the merchants you would have had reason to have been ten times more angry with us, then you happen'd to be upon paying it, at present I shall say no more on this subject, not doubting but you have or will doe us justice therein, my service to you all I am.

Hon^{ble}: Sirs,
Your most Obedient humble servant.
Tho. Pitt.

Fort St. George,
Dec^{r}. the 19th, 1707.

General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company. December 20, 1707. Received per Nathaniel, October 28, 1708. [*O.C., Vol.* 62, *No.* 8531. (*India Office transcript*).]

To the Hon^{ble}. Court of Directors for the Separate Affairs of the English Company trading to the East Indies.

Hon^{ble}. Sirs,

We received yours of the 26th April 1706 by the Indian Friggat who arrived here the 24th April last, in which you advice you are come to an agreement for the Bills of Exchange drawn on your Company by Mr. Tillard, and that you shall pay them to the satisfaction of the bearers thereof, but by these last ships the Howland and Dutchess those concerned here have received an account on what terms you have payd them, which is Nine Shillings and sixpence a Pagoda instead of Ten Shillings and six pence, Three per cent discount, noe Interest from the time they were due, and halfe per cent charges for recovering what they did of you, with which the Proprietors here are greatly dissatisfyed, and think they have unparallel'd injustice done them, which they hope you will consider of, and in due time make them full satisfaction. You are advised in former Letters Abendanas bond was cancell'd as at first directed and delivered to Messrs. Fraser and Wright. We did upon receipt of your Letter communicate to all the Free Merchants your Resolutions of paying noe more of that debt, which they were

strangely surprized at as well as the Merchants in whose hands your Bonds lyes, as to which the Governour will write you more at large, to whose management you have committed those affairs. We are

Hon^ble^ Sirs,
Your most humble Servants,
THO. PITT
M. EMPSON
W. MARTIN
ROBERT RAWORTH
THO. FREDERICK
RICH^D^. HUNT.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
20th December 1707.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM CAPTAIN FRANCIS SEATON, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, 20TH DECEMBER 1707. RECEIVED OCTOBER 15, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 135. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. He has Served the Company 22 years in the Bay and at the Fort in a Militray Capacity faithfully and has had Commissions from their Severall Agents and Governours till lately he fell under Governour Pitts displeasure on the following Account; in March last he drawing up his Company after Divine Service as usuall he marcht over a Corner of the same long Cloth by accident which so soon as he perceived hee wheeled off and only the front rank trod upon one Corner and he offered to pay the Damage done the Governour in the afternoon declared he would employ him no longer and the next Consultation day he was Suspended without a hearing one of the Councill sent for severall of the Souldiers to know if the Captain had done them or any of their fellow Souldiers any wrong but they answered in the negative yet two to curry favour said he owed them 30*l.* whereupon they were ordered to Petition and the Councellor delivered it to the President and Council his name not mentioned because he is sorry that he did that mischief Captain Seaton answered he had paid them and had their Receipts which he had sent home to Captain Bromwell their Attorney as ordered by the Tankerville but thô the Petitions were entred his Answer was not thô he desired it he desires to observe that those who have served the Company on all occasions are ill used and those of little worth put into Creditable posts instances in Patrick Dickson who came a Souldier in Governour Higginson's time upon a Complaint of his drawing his sword on 2 Gentlemen and abusing them in their own house the Matter was examined by a Consultation of officers and on a report thereof the Governour ordered him to run the Gauntlet giving an account that he heard from England what a Villain he was and when he had received the Companys Imprest writes to the Admiralty that the Company had kidnapt him a Lieutenatt ordered to examine the matter finding it false ordered him to be whipt and then proceed the Voyage therefore Governour Higginson ordered that he should be observed he is now made an Ensign is a Roman Catholick and outlaw'd while under the Captain he was hinder'd from Caballing was since Conspiring to murder him with one Coulson who was to do it he avers he was always faithfull in his Station and prays the Company to readmitt him having a large family.

FRAN: SEATON.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM WILLIAM FRASER, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. DECEMBER 22, 1707. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 133. (*India Office transcript*).]

As it may seem strange that he has not answered the Governours and Councils charge against him after the Secretary's notice of the 22th instant but having on the 6th desired by a Writing to have the Governour and Councill Sign the Charge against him which Writing was burnt and himself threatned thought it best to give no Answer because some persons cant bear plain truths at Madrass he hopes his

Answer to the grand Charge will put that matter in a true light and that the Governours prejudice was the Sole ground of that Charge he will use all just ways to repair the Injuryes don him.

WM. FRASER.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, DATED DECEMBER 23, 1707 AND JANUARY 22, 1708. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS OCTOBER 1, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 130. · (*India Office transcript*).]

This serves to enclose Letter to the Secrett Committee with Copy of his orders to the Commanders hopes of Peace and expectation of the Mogulls death detains him if Caun Bux be not drove out of the Countrey hope he will govern well and the English get some advantage if one King govern all the Empire will be tyrannically used by the Ministers Aurengzebe did not trust his Ministers but kept them and the people in awe.

22ND JANUARY.

1. The foregoing went by the Nathaniel Letter to the Secrett Committee enclosed the burden of the trouble about the Casts has been born by him assisted only by Mr. Raworth Timapa reported that Mr. Frazer was the Casts friend and would engage most of the Council for them refer to Consultations to prove this, this trouble has been hatching ever since the altering the Method of Contracts which the left hand Cast acquiesced in and obey'd none else could whereupon three of them were to have been kill'd to intimidate the rest to leave the place which then had been ruin'd this the Governour prevented what contributed to the troubles was that the English were very uneasy for want of their Servants of the right hand Cast not caring for the Company the Moors when they besieged Madrass demanded 50,000 Pag^{s}. which many would have consented to and hee opposing they came down to 25,000 Rupees which the Generall Councill agreed to only he was against it urging that if the English stood out the Moors would soon be gon but the restraining the English thereby of their Pleasure influenct their consent.

2. The Dutch have turn'd off the right hand Cast and use the left in their Investments and hearing the left hand Cast were about to leave Madrass sent to invite them to reside with them with what priviledges they desired but he promising the like they stay'd at Sadrass; the right hand Cast ow'd the Dutch 40,000 Pag^{s}. and the Chief running away since they have lost it Surapa intended to have don so at Madrass they made the like Stirr at Pollicat which continued 8 Months and is now broke out again: Sunca Ramas Partner at the head Suppose have made a Combination thrô the whole Coast against the left hand Cast who get all the trade from them because not to be trusted Sunca Ramas Partner imprisoned by the Dutch.

3. Timapa Surapa and Sunca Rama the Contrivers of the troubles at Madrass the 2 first are in prison by the intercession of Severall of his Creditors Spared the 3rd. but they say he is notoriously guilty and no punishment is bad enough; the Companys Interest to make them and their Posterity uncapable to serve the Company or being Countenanct at Madrass or they will be reinstated; both Casts are now settling their Streets which will take care shall be so as to avoid future disputes and shall deserve the Companys and Inhabitants thanks.

4. Captain Seaton greatly complain'd of; hee has been thrice broke no body sorry for it but his relations; has often put the town into a hubbub but now the town is quieter his Countrey man Frazer like him neither will be wanted Company ought to enquire who at Madrass are qualify'd to Serve them. Mr. Empson Dead.

5. Severall refused to sign the Petition to the Queen about the Pyrates thô so much for the Companys service which shows their factious temper.

6. The Councill have industriously reported they had each as much Power as the Governour and would do what they pleased but if they endeavour to put this in practice shall soon convince them for he will not let them ruin the Place in his

Government may hear in England the Character of each of the Councill none so fitt to succeed as Mr. Raworth who has Integrity and Application which Mr. Frederick wants.

7. Mr. Roberts designs for England as he writes next year Governour Pitt resolves the same when peace Want Souldiers but few Scotts and an Engineer or 2 to teach others have managed the Investments to the Companys best advantage have sent to St. Davids what they could Invest in hopes to get goods Cheaper and would have sent to the Bay if had been ordered having always studyd the Companys profitt and could have done more if trusted and not been forced to have advised with ignorant and impertinent people who are governed by their Knavish Dubashes the Companys Interest to depress them the Affair of the Casts setled to the honour of the English Government and satisfaction of the left hand Cast which displeases some of the Councill who would have had it otherwise and were for granting the Casts Insolent Demands and Mr. Frederick made his exception this day accordingly the Governour thought it best to make them recant but Mr. Frederick cant understand that or anything else of Consequence nor is he Capable of amendment the Governour always ordered Peons to go off to watch the goods sent or received refer to the Company where to lay the blame Nabob this day came to St. Thoma should he follow the Majority of the Councills advice it would ruine the Company high time for the Company to take care of their Affairs while he stays he will preserve the Companys Interest.

THO: PITT

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM THOMAS FREDERICK, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, JANUARY 10/16, 1708. RECEIVED OCTOBER 6, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 133 (*India Office transcript*).]

Is sorry he is forced thus to address to the Company being appointed of Councill thinks he is obliged to oppose what is against the Companys Interest or what is unjustificable which has occasioned disputes between the Governor and him he cant consent to Mr. Roaches being made an Ensign he being an Outlaw and Roman Catholick Mr. Empson dying the 8th January the Governour was for Mr. Raworths succeeding hee for Mr. Martins as being next in Seniority the Governor upon this threatned him and that he would ruin him and refused to fill up the Councill when moved thereto giving very ill Language and threatning to govern by Sword and Pistoll wherefore submits all to the Company and whether all the Councill ought not to give their opinions freely in all things or must serve the Governour against the Companys Interest he always has and will serve them faithfully.

16TH DITTO.

The Consultations of the 8th instant were not as agreed on Mr. Martin joyned with Mr. Raworth to manage the Warehouse Accounts.

THO: FREDERICK.

LETTER FROM WILLIAM FRASER, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY, JANUARY 13, 1708. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS. OCTOBER 4, 1708. [*O.C. Vol.* 62, *No.* 8536. (*India Office transcipt*).]

TO THE HONOURABLE THE DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T. HON^BLE. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY TRADING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Honourable,

By the Howland and the Dutchess I was favoured with two of your Letters, both of one Tenor and date and have according as ordered, deliver'd up into the hands of Mr. Raworth all Books of Accounts & Papers relating to your Affairs,

at Metchlepatam and Maddapollam, as also the ballance of your Cash being Pag^{s}. 69 : 06 . ^{F}. 10 ^{C}. was paid to Mr. Raworth in November 1706, according to your Honours former order, Mr. Wright and myself having by the Unfortunate Ship the Queen, Sent your Honours a full account of our Examination of all matters with those Merchants, with their Copies Sent by the Somers & Fleet Frigot, tho after a long and tydeous Voyage I hope long before this may be safely arriv'd your hands, So wishing all prosperity to your Affairs is the needfull at present, but that I am with all duty and Respect.

Honourable
Your Hon^{rs}. most obliged
faithfull humble Servant
WILL: FRASER.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Jan^{ry}. 13th 1707–08.

LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT AND ROBERT RAWORTH, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE NEW COMPANY. JANUARY 17, 1708. RECEIVED FROM IRELAND. NOVEMBER 29, 1709. [*O.C. Vol.* 62, *No.* 8537 (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE}. THE DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE
R^{T}. HON^{BLE}. ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Hon^{ble}. Sirs,

Wee here Enclose duplicate of what wee wrote you by the Nathaniell; since which wee received a letter from Messrs. Faunce and Baker, Copy whereof comes herewith, and the accounts they sent us with it, are so confus'd, that wee can neither make head nor taile of them, but by next ships they shall be liquidated, fitt to be sent you.

Wee did hope before this the Merchants would have been here from Metchlepatam, but none come unless it be two or three that stayed at Pollicherry, with some goods, to sell them, on the arrivall of their ships, Wee will take care that their delay in coming shall turne to their owne prejudice and not to yours: as also a villany Thomas Pitt has lately discovered of Japa Chittees, which we are apt to believe was his usuall practice in your investments at Metchlepatam; he was as advised employed in small investment of the Old Companys, and brought not in good part of the goods till after the departure of last years ships, and then some Oringall Batteelas, and fine long Cloth, which was sorted and packed up for some time, but now before the despatch of the ships Thomas Pitt having seen some purling work in the warehouse about the Batteelas of the United Trade, for his satisfaction opened six bales of the Old Companys, which was sorted No. 1. 2. amongst which he found a quarter part which would not have paid freight, and the rest would but honestly and barely come up to number 3 & 4: and the same was with the fine long Cloth; the sorters say for themselves, that it must be by the negligence of him that packed it, who doubtless gave them an opportunity to exchange the Cloth afterward, though they too, tender their Oaths to the contrary, as also the Conicoplys; So when the Merchants arrive, I shall lay the rougery before them, hoping thereby to make an abatement upon all their investments; Wee hope nothing like it will be found amongst the goods Wee now send, either for the United or Old Company; and if you do you must thank seniority for putting people in employs that they are not any way capacitated for; as was not the man that is lately dead; as every one of you woud say, if you knew him the tenth part as well as wee that write this; but there was noe opposeing him coming into that employ, because the majority had noe more meritt then he, that had none at all. Wee believe the Merchants will come, and therefore are considering how to treat with them; and have resolv'd to state their accounts, deducting for their ill practices, according to that of Japa Chittees before mentioned, and then wee reckon wee shall reduce the summe owing to a small matter, which wee know will not a little startle them, and afterward if wee find this makes any impression upon them, wee will sell up some

body or other, to buy the whole debt, which shall be fairly and honestly for your account; and Wee will take up the money at interest, to pay it, if wee can bring them to 20,000 or 25,000 pagodas or as much less as wee can, or if wee can wee will bargain with them for a certain sum, to be paid upon the arrivall of the ships in 1709, or sooner if you send anything out, and then if it coud be done in broad Cloth you might put it upon them, at ten or twenty per cent more then the common price, but let it be in what it will, there must be effects sent out to pay it, for here will be no bills procureable; You may be assur'd of our utmost dilligence and integrity in manageing this affair for you, or any other, for that wee are

FORT ST. GEORGE,
Jan^{ry} the 17th 1707–8.

Hon^{ble} Sirs
Your most obedient humble servants
[THOMAS PITT].
[R. RAWORTH].

GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 22, 1708. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS, SEPTEMBER 28, 1708. [*O.C. Vol.* 62, *No.* 8538 (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^{BLE} GOVERNOR DEPUTY & COMMITTEES FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^{T} HON^{BLE} GOVERNOUR & COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF LONDON TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES. FORT ST. GEORGE.

Hon^{ble} Sirs,

Inclos'd comes Copy of what wrott you by the Nathaniel, and this is chiefly to inclose Invoice and Bill of Loading for what Laden on the Dutchess amounting to Pag^{s} 7,782: 29: 5—which we wish may arrive safe with you, and as soon as this ship is sail'd we'l ballance the account with the Merchants, and send what remains to Bengall unless we can meet with any body to invest in fine Betteelas at an easy rate, which we believe will sell in England much better than Mulmulls; we hearing that great quantitys are gone home.

2. You'l see upon your books there is standing out 20,000 pagodas of your old debt, since which about 3,000 received and believe we may be sure of getting 5,000 more, but for the remainder we are afraid 'tis irrecoverable, and if so you may pay Timmapans debt with it.

3. You'l see that there has been no Salary payd your Servants here since July 1706 when they had all certificates from the Accomptant what due to them, which they sent home to be receiv'd, but your President omitting to send, has now done it on the Dutchess, which he desires you will be pleasd to discharge.

4. With this we not only send you Copy of our Letters to the Managers, but also copys of your Accounts, and we'l do what we can that the next shall conclude all your Affairs on this Coast.

5. You'l see in our Letter to the Managers what a Villany we have detected in our Boatmen, and not knowing but that some of your goods may have mett with the like misfortune, we desire you'l take the same care as they do to send us an account out. We wish prosperity to your Affairs abroad and at home and are

Hon^{ble} Sirs
Your most faithfull and
obedient Humble Servants
THO. PITT
THO. FREDERICK
RICH^{D}. HUNT.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 22, 1708. RECEIVED PER DUTCHESS, SEPTEMBER 28, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 128 (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was the 10th October and 22nd December per Nathaniel dispatcht from St. Davids the 7th January with a Cargo of Pagodas 51,265 : 26 : 4 Captain Denniss dy'd 29th December Captain Negus succeeded She being out of the Road tacked and stood in again making signalls as thô in distress but it was to put Captain Cornwall ashore who chose to go in the Dutchess attestation of the Ships Sufficiency sent.

2. Oringall Bettellees per Tankerville cost 60 Pag[s] a Corge thô hoped to get them at 50.

3. 100 Bales for the Old Company sent on the Dutchesse.

4. Mr. Empson dy'd the 8th instant of the Stone his papers ordered to be perused and an Inventory taken of his estate no accounts left not so much as a Cash book his Estate most in his houses his warehouse accounts but a Month behind 2 Empty Chairs in Councill as usefull as the Persons who fill'd them Mr. Hunt the only accomptant has posted the books to the 1st December.

5. 15 January all Matters agreed between the 2 Casts and Signed by 12 of the Chief of each as entred in that days Consultation after the Ships departure shall settle matter to prevent future disputes the Stones stole away returned by night.

6. Copy of Captain Iago's Letter sent advising the Bombay was blown up laden with pepper at Callicut also another Letter of his about the Mocha affair; the Harriot of 200 tons 12 guns belonging to Madrass was attack'd by the Pyrate who took the Mocha Ships off Tellicherry the Pyrate beaten and forced to run Sailing better than the Harriot.

7. Have Letters from the Mallabar Coast of 15th December but no news of any Europe Ships.

8. St. Thoma of late has been very prejudiciall to Madrass they lately coyned fanams and Cash and Cry'd down the Companys theirs have been Cry'd down at Madrass which hope will Succeed as formerly they have if could rent or Buy St. Thoma so as to get an annuall advantage by it would be well of which shall enquire and advise; Commanders exact 100 Pag[s] : to carry home a Child pray the Company to regulate it.

9. Draught of the Kings Army which beat Azum Shaw sent, can't get the other also a paper sent of remarkable occurrences since the Mogulls death great troubles at Delchi between the Moors and Gentues and many kill'd on both sides.

10. Cawn Bux drawing down towards them believe the Nabob will not fight him but retreat to St. Thoma fear must present him if he comes near Madrass wherein shall be thrifty and get what we can for their Money.

11. Nothing concerns them more than the Companys writing they get nothing by the Coast Investment they do the best they can for the Company and therefore have ordered Investments where may be got 4 or 5 per cent cheaper desire liberty to send the Companys money to the Bay if they see proper.

12. Desire orders about the Bencoolen Bills which were protested.

13. Just as the Dutchess was laden discovered that the Boatmen had opened the Bales and took out pieces as they were carrying them off but could not stop the Ship to examine what was stollen therefore took severall Persons writings to make good what should be found wanting desire the Company will send the account which will force them to make good nothing but a Chawbuck[1] will make them honest the Governour was surprized that no Peons were sent off in the boats which the Governour always ordered to be don and always private persons do.

14. Agu Peera's deseire about Coja Surhaud Israel pray the Company will do him justice.

[1] *Chawbauk*, a whip. *Hobson-Jobson.*

15. Nabob came to St. Thoma to stay a Month don't like his neighbourhood hope shall have souldiers sent.

16. Letter from the Kings Duan now Lord High Steward to King Shaw Allum sent wherein he promises great matters Invoice of the Dutchess Pag^{s}: 95410: 12: 4.

THO: PITT
W. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
RICH: HUNT.

P.S.

Answer to Mr. Fredericks exception about the Stones, putting them up again a service to the Government at Madrass.

THO: PITT
W. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
RICH: HUNT.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM THOMAS FREDERICK, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 22, 1708. RECEIVED OCTOBER 6, 1708. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 134 (*India Office transcript*).]

Is obliged to write this in Justification of his exception at Signing the Generall Letter and the Slighting Charge in the Post Script the Inhabitants who removed from Madrass insisting the Stones should be taken away which the Councill would not consent to: they were Secretly removed one night and the Casts charged with doing it; reason to believe they did not; the Casts agreed to return if they might be pardoned and have their ancient Priviledges confirmed and no more Stones set up; the Governour promised there should not but would not insert it in their Cowle but the mention therein of enjoying things according to Sallabad is generally taken for enjoying their houses and Streets as formerly what the 12 of each Cast signed of their Agreement was forced from them next night the Stones were erected again reasonable to suppose the Casts did not when they thought it before such an Infringement of their Priviledges and the mention in the Generall Letter of the Stones being set up again being excepted against by him when he appealed to the Governour whether the Councill had not promised they should not; caused him to add the Exception in Writing in the Letter the Governour and Councill chargeable with the Mischiefs that may ensue on their being re-erected considering the Mischief they caused at first when he consented thereto thinks it not fit to make a 2d tryall he appeals whether he is so ignorant as charged in the Post Script and will stand an examination with them who Signed it and whether he was backward in his Accounts or cheated the Company himself or suffered others to do it but honest principles can't agree with Violent Government no profitt to the Company by Setting up those Stones and yet it made the People leave the Place where had lived so long and paid Dutys, was the Distance less would come to England to Vindicate himself hopes providence will prevent those who would eat him up.

THO: FREDERICK.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1708-1709.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 1, 1708. RECEIVED PER DISPATCH AUGUST 22, 1709. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 157. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last 22d January per Dutchess sent per Danes Conveyance.

2. This comes by a Dane fearing should have no other oppertunity no Ships being yet arryved.

3. The Difference between the Casts adjusted.

4. The 17 March the Kent arrived from China with 1659 Tubbs of Tea of all Sorts amounting to tale 61823 and it being too late to dispatch her to you have let her out to China for 7,000 Pagodas. She Sail'd hence 21st May she has made a better voyage then any before tho' Copper was so low as 48 Pag^{s} per Candy so sent 200 Candy to Bengall and drew on them the value being indebted here and at Fort St. Davids have limited her Stay in China to 20 December next and they write from Malacca they hope to be dispatcht much sooner whither we sent 30 Bales Long Cloth for your Account and the Produce to be carryed to China to purchase rarities for Presents.

5. Advised in former Letters had sent the Ann with Salt Petre &c^{a}. Store to York Fort where they kept her 3 months before unloaded her and would not Permit the Owners goods to be sold so returned with 10 per cent loss the Ship had much to do to Swim to Bengall she left that place ult^{o}: January when no news of the New Governour but the Anna was arryved and left the Scipio at the Cape 28 June here arrived the Northumberland from the West Coast in her way to Bengall for Salt Petre and Stores there was one Chest of Dollers on her which coined into Rupees She adviseth the arryvall and Death of the new Governour and the 2d dying where wee believe your Affairs in as great Confusion as ever. The Scipio gon to Batavia to refit having lost most of her masts since left the Cape.

6. The great London from Persia arrived here 15 June and the Howland the 4 July those Ships mett bad Marketts in Persia for Bale goods of which hardly made the principall and tis little better at Bussara Juddah or Mocha the Warrs in Europe the occasion.

7. The Chambers Frigot Supposed to be lost on which was Mr. Brabourn a great loss to the Inhabitants of this place and Bengall who were induced to load on her she being of force for the Pyrates swarme in those Seas believe she was worth 150,000 Pagodas.

8. 22d June arryved a French Ship at Pullicherry one of the three that came out two years ago via New Spain Tis supposed the Merchants will loose about £ 200,000 by the Voyagge. This Ship brought a new Governour to Pullycherry She is about 4 or 500 Tons 40 Gunns 200 Men with another small Ship went to Cruize they took all possible Care to prevent the Companys or the Country Shipps from falling in with the French they went off the Coast the latter end of the Month tis thought to refitt at Merga which when don tis said they intend for the Streights of Malacca some think they will lye off Point Palmeras to waite for the Bengall Shipps both which places have sent a Caution.

9. Mr. Cunningham on the Anna gon to re-settle Benjar but is refused will stay there for further orders.

10. No News from Suratt or Bombay only the Aurungzebe arryved from Persia latter end of May and designed for England after the raines.

11. At Bengall they have had a Clash with the Government but all is over they have there 2 Ships Cargos ready none of your Ships there but the Howland and Northumberland fearing something has happen'd to prevent your Ships coming this Season are willing to provide for the worst in reguard to your Tea

which is perishable so have writ to Bengall if no Ships arryve to send the Howland and Northumberland to take it in and send their own vessells to the West Coast with Stores their last shift is if said 2 ships dont call for it to load it on the London.

12. Have in the Warehouse a great quantity of Salt Petre and above 2000 Bales of goods Sufficient to load three good Ships but owe to the Merchants here and at Fort St. Davids more than 50000 Pag^{s}. the Tea is good part of the Kents Cargo Since the Departure of the Dutchess Cawn Bux is come to take possession of Golcondah and Kingdom of Dacan which includes the Settlement he soon took the Citty but the Castle held out and their Nabob preserved the Countrey there abouts for Shaw Allum who is marching with a vast Army for Golcondah and hear he is within few days March of it and his 4 sons with him whereupon Cawn Bux is drawn off to a Convenient Camp resolving to venture a Battle which is admired at by reason he is so much weaker so in few days expect the determination when tis said there will be new quarrells between the Sons of Shaw Allum.

13. The Ult^{o}: July received a Letter from the Vizier by Shaw Allum's order and took that opportunity to present a Petition for Confirmation of Priviledges in all India Copy of both inclosed the 10 Instant received another Letter by the Kings order Their Answer and the Translation sent shall have a full Account of this transaction by your Ships.

14. The Nabob came to St. Thoma about 5 days ago sent Messrs. Raworth and Davenport to visit him with a present of 20^{0} Pag^{s}: he gave his Perwanna for Severall Towns to the Amount of 15000 Pagodas per annum but find it a little difficult to get it out of the hands of the Possessors but hope to effect it the Towne lye adjoyning to yours and altogether make a good revenue.

15. The Dutch would have it thought their warr with the Javans is ended but they hear the Contrary and that Batavia is in a dwindleing Condition.

16. A Dane arryved and say they left a small English Ship at the Cape which Suppose is the Rochester.

THOMAS PITT
WM. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
RICH: HUNT .

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. NOVEMBER 20 AND DECEMBER 28, 1708. RECEIVED PER DISPATCH, AUGUST 22, 1709. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 100. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was of the 1st of October by the Danes Ship 19th instant arrived the Dispatch from Bengall bringing the Companys Letters of the 17th and 20th of Aprill and She being laden in the Bay shall send her to St. Helena after the Captain and his men now sick are recovered.

2. Wee apprehended some disappointment prevented the Companys Ships arriving in India having heard via Persia what Ships were coming out and that they would be speedily dispatcht to prevent Demorage have made early provision of goods as per List enclosed Cloth being cheapest to the Southward have wrote to St. Davids to invest 500 Bales more it would now be impossible to make a provision of goods all the Countrey being in trouble to Gulcondah shall write to Metchlepatam for the goods ordered that the Merchants may bring them to the Fort no sending money thither to invest.

3. Shall Clear the Old Companys Debt out of the Cargos when they arrive and supposing if the Ships came late they would be ordered first to the Bay they advised the Councill there what Tonage they could supply that they might dispose the Ships accordingly.

4. It would be the Companys Advantage to divide the Coast and Bay goods on each of their Shipping.

5. Have always wrote to the Bay for Petre Stores and goods for the next year.

6. Wee observe the Company design a Ship for the Bay and Mocha and home all goods there Sell heavily but can't fail of Coffee and Drugs.

7. Hope the Ships at Galloways got Safe wonder the Company did not hear of the Death of the Mogull as well as the loss of Benjar want Curiositys for the Mogull greatly shall dispose of the Stores per Recovery when received.

8. King Shaw Allum is near Gulcondah with his Army his Brother Cawn Bux has sent messages to him insisting on his fathers will and his right to what his father left him appealing to the Omrahs who Swore to support that Will for justice they went in a body to Shaw Allum to mind him of the Will but received no Answer hee is Shaggreen'd and partys are making in his Camp which his Sonns would suppress resolving to destroy their Unkle.

9. The Government very troublesome in the Bay and the Council there desireing to be inserted in the Generall Phirmaund shall endeavour it and with the least Charge.

10. They sent a vessell to Madagascar to the Pyrates promising them to intercede with the Queen for their Pardon She return'd the 10th June Mr. Bennett who went on her his Narative enclosed.

11. Thomas Wigmore dyed the 10th May last left all by will to his Wife the Governour fears he was guilty of many villanous practices particularly of the late troubles with the Casts.

28TH DECEMBER.

12. The foregoing was wrote the day after the Dispatch came into the Road Captain Casons illness kept her there Mountague arrived in Sih [inside ?] of the road the 29th past, kept the Dispatch hoping to have advised of the arrivall of all the Ships.

13. The Mountague fell to Leeward of St. Thoma fearing bad Weather hastend her landing her Treasure and part of her Cloth the Captain could not warpe into the road till the 16th instant She mett a most severe storm the 10th of November in the Latitude of Madrass 100 Leagues to the Eastward her topmasts blew away without a knott could hardly keep her above Water with all her Pumps her men so weak any Enemy would have taken her and yet the Captain would have gon for Bengall if he had must have fallen into the Mouths of 2 French ships who went to fitt at Merga thence went to Point Palmeras where they took a Dutch Sloop from Mallacca and sent her to Pullicherry 20th in the Morning they appeard to the Norward of Madrass the greatest with English Colours the other with Dane whereupon sent 60 Souldiers on board the Mountague and ordered the small Craft to haul in under shelter of the Fort gunns they chased a small Ship belonging to a Jentue into the road they then stood at noon out of sight and in the Evening stood in again and next Morning were at an Anchor 4 or 5 Leagues to the Norward with a Ship they had taken, they had taken before grain Vessells bound to Madrass and terrifyed others have reason to fear a famine having had no rain in 2 Months wherefore resolved to send the Dispatch to the Norward to Cruize for the Companys expected Ships taking out her Bales and ordered the Mountague into a sailing posture to joyn any English ships that might be coming in but the Enemy sailed away to the Southward with their prize passing within 2 or 3 Leagues of the road believe are gon for Pullicherry the Governour gave timely advice to Bengall of the French ships being off Point Palmeras.

14. 35 of the Mountagues Chests put into the Mint to be Coyn'd 20 reserv'd to be sold to Carry on the Investments at St. Davids and pay off Money at Interest 10 of them Sold 2 days past for 16¼ for 10 pag[s]: if not coyn'd and 16½ if did shall make good to Bengall those 20 Chests when the Ships arrive shall want greatest part of the Cloth for Presents and not dispose of the rest till hear the Ships are arrived in the Bay as Supposing they may want it.

15. Copys of the Hosbulhoocum[1] received of the King of their Petition to him and Letters to his Ministers and the gracious Answers thereto received the 13th instant beyond expectation now sent the Governour received a Royall Tasherif hope to procure an advantagious Settlement of the Company Affairs if the News received of a Skirmish between the English and Moors in the Bay be true when clear'd the Patna goods stopt near Rajahmaul must provide for a Storm another of the Councill in the Bay dead the place has been sickly this year.

16. No Ships arrived in the Bay the 5th December wish they Scaped the Storm and the French the Mountague chased three times in her Voyage and once off the Cape.

17. The Litchfield Captain Lee arrived the 24th December fell in with the land 10 Leagues to the Southward which the French past the night before.

18. By the Litchfield received the Companys Letter of the 7th April 1708 &c[a]. papers as per List hope to dispatch her and the Mountague together and as 3d if she comes and have enough for the Kent and observe all the orders in the Letter agreable to the Companys intentions the information about the sale of Broad Cloth and the Mayors Cour[t] notoriously false the Authors ought to have been named that they might be obliged to make satisfaction Mr. Farmer is not Senior to Mr. Mountague and has always had a good reputation will not serve under Mr. Farmer.

19. The Governour intends to come home on the Litchfield or Kent and will then justify himself in every action of his Government.

20. The Ship taken by the French was Commanded by Captain Weld and belonged to Madrass has been 20 Months in her Voyage and came from the West Coast.

21. By a Letter from Mr. Sheldon dated the 7th instant in the Bay understand the dispute with the Moors was adjusted and goods cleared but nothing of Men said to be kill'd fear it will Cost 10000 Pag[s]. no Europe Ships arrived.

22. Don't hear Shaw Allum is yet come to Gulcondah reported the Dutch are going to him to settle Affairs either the Governour of Negapatam or one from Batavia if so must send up Mr. Roberts to Mr. Lewes and Mr. Berlue the 2 last Speak Persians and Moors and are versed in the Countrey Customs of which shall advise by their next which if so will be a chargeable undertaking tho frugally managed.

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ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
GULS: ADDISON
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[1] Literally, 'according to order.' These words formed the initial formula of a document issued by officers ofstate on royal authority, and thence applied as the title of such a document.—*Hobson-Jobson*.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. DECEMBER 31,1708. RECEIVED PER DISPATCH VIA SCOTLAND, AUGUST 22, 1709. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 168. (*India Office transcript*).]

Since signing their Generall Letter vizt. of the 28 instant have a Letter from Captain Peacock of the 12th instant advising the Summers was at Ganjam designed for the Bay 50 of his men sick the French have Cruized from Point Palmeras to Pollichery from the latter end of November to the 24th instant a Portugeez takes passage on the advice boat and Mr. Walker who belonged to Carwar and lost all on the Bombay a letter from the Governour of Pullichery to Messrs. Carbonell sent in the Packett.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 17/30, FEBRUARY 7, 1709. RECEIVED PER LITCHFIELD AND MOUNTAGUE, MARCH 6, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 170. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. They wrote by the Nathaniel the 10th October and 22nd December 1707 also another Letter of the 22nd January and by the Danes Ship the 1st October and the 20th November 28th and 31 December 1708 by the Dispatch who sailed that day there Copys enclosed.

2. Have by the Litchfield received the Companys Letter of the 7th April and Copy of the 17th ditto sent to the Bay.

FIRST CONCERNING YOUR SHIPPING COME OUT OR RETURNING.

3. Glad so many ships arrived safe hope all the rest out and home will do so.

4. Sorry the Ship for Mocha Miscarryed: Madrass has suffered severely in their trade to and from Mocha.

5. 35 Chests of the Mountagues Treasure lyes ready Coyn'd to send to the Bay shall not keep 100,000*l.*, of the Companys Stock to invest on the Coast shall send Bales to the Bay and desire Bales from them.

6. Do always write to the Bay for what Petre and Stores they want and send them Copys of such part of the Companys Letters as concern them and advise them all that is materiall.

7. Have sold the Old Companys 20 Chests of the United Companys silver for Pags: 49033: 24: 30, and shall Pay them what yet owing when they can so as not to return the Ships dead freighted all the Old Companys effects ordered to the Bay.

8. Shall observe the open and Secrett orders about the Ships return.

9. Shall continue to dispatch Ships early Mountague came not into the road till the 18th December the Litchfield the 24th could have dispatcht them in few days had the Ships been ready for it.

10. Shall send Arrack and Rice to St. Helena by the Ships thô it is dear at Madrass Batavia Arrack being the best will send that and put a Clause in the Captains Instructions as ordered sending Copy of the St. Helena Invoice.

11. The Generall orders about lading each Ship with half Petre made them mistake and put half Petre into the Westmoreland besides they wanted other goods for the Toddington and her.

12. About lading Salt Petre on the Queen She was not too deep at the Fort the Captain would not part with his Iron Kintlage and when near laden prest for 400 Bags more of the Companys Petre because she was not stiff enough She went full of Passengers at the Cape she took in vast recruits and had she been too

deep might have been lightened there by other Ships that were dead freighted he would not there part with his Kintlage.

13. The Company having ordered their Petre to be better refined the same may be don at Patana or Calcutta shall observe the orders about Bagging it and Write to the Bay and Bencoolen thereupon.

14. Account of remains of Stores and of what wanting sent.

15. Have paid Captain Harrison his Charterparty money 1050 Dollars reduced to Pag^{s}. as per receipt he grumbled at it.

16. The Northumberland Sail'd from Madrass to the Bay the 8th July thence to the West Coast in November laden with Petre red wood and Stores.

17. Survey of the Montague and Litchfield enter'd after the Consultation of the 30th December: Dispatch Sail'd the next day and Carryed Secrett orders to Captain Cooke of the Howland.

18. Captain Lees request for 20 tons Petre and Captain Stoaks for 40 Tons are in the Packetts.

SECONDLY CONCERNING GOODS SENT FROM EUROPE.

19. Shall keep great part of the Woollen goods for presents and Sell the rest it is now greatly in demand.

20. By the October Ships they always send List of goods and Stores wanted shall hereafter send it by Pacquett with the Abstract of the Letter.

21. Have always promoted the Consumption of the Woollen Manufacture and given good proofs of it when they put off what before lay rotting in the warehouse have by the Dispatch answered that false information that the black fellows who buy the Cloth are but Trustees for others behind the Curtain which if meant of the Governour or Council is false but if they had bought any they must have given more than others because it was sold by Public Outcry which would have been no Prejudice to the Company answer to the suggestion of the Black People buying cheap and yet selling as dear as formerly the Merchants who bought the Companys Cloth sent it most up into the Countrey and sold it cheap afterwards as the demand increased they raised the price the Writing to Bengall to know the Price there and if it would sell better than at Madrass they ordered them to take what was on the Summers this shows the President and Councill design'd to make the most of the Woollen goods they prest St. Davids to take off all they could and thought it was impossible there could any reflection be cast on their management the Governour says he was never concerned in buying any of the Companys goods except at Public outcry and Once a Parcell of Gold Thread which was a Service to the Company nor ever concern'd in any Countrey investment thō often tempted and he believes the like of all the Councill there are more honourable ways for Men of Integrity to get money in.

22. Brew'd wine will never do there what Florence and Rhenish sent shall be appropriated to the use of the Factorys.

23. People clamorous for paying the West Coast Bills which hope the Company will order.

24. What black blew and Cloth Colour'd Cloth is sent should be of the finest sorts being only for the use of the European Inhabitants and but a little Bales being sent instead of Pieces.

25. Shall advise what Cloth they receive which is defective and not sea damaged or if not of equall goodness or bad Dyed with the Marks Numbers and Bales.

26. Shall advise to Bombay about the Silver wanting per Frederick where they believe the mistake was.

27. Mint Account of Gold per Litchfield is in the Pacquett remember they sent said account of Gold by the Fleet Frigott.

28. Have always adjusted with the Commanders the Ship damage of goods shall hereafter send the same under the Captains hand and in the same Ships Pacquett.

29. Shall dispose of what goods or Stores are sent from the Bay design'd for China or Mocha.

30. Received the Mountagues Packett the 6th December and imediately sent it overland Copy'd to the Bay.

THIRDLY AS TO INVESTMENTS IN INDIA.

31.. Shall observe the List of goods sent them.

32. Have observed the orders about Investments as directed by the 18th Paragraph of the Tavistock's Instructions that Paragraph recited all Contracts made in Councill did send musters then of threads length and breadths which Musters being very good have not alterd did not before order the sending the weight.

33. By their Experience a Mans eye makes him a better Judge than knowing the weight and Number of threads of a Piece of Cloth Merchants must ty the weavers to weights and threads to prevent their making bad Cloth Old Company always commended thick and found fault with thin Cloth Course Cloth will weigh more than the good Muster it is made by to show the uncertainty of depending intirely on the thread and weight of Cloth refer to the Warehousekeepers and Sorters report and the pieces of Cloth sent apart. Impracticable to weigh and count the threads of all the Cloth the Merchants only do it when they suspect it by the View they keep them up strictly to lengths and breadths or to abate proportionably and shall do the same to weights and threads as far as they can In fine Callicoes they keep them up to the Punjums which the eye equally discovers in its substantialness If Betteelles exceed in Punjums[1] the Cloth is spoilt the eye the best judge all other Traders natives or Europeans trust to the goodness of the Cloth by the eye. The Governour always present at making the Musters and will answer you are not in the least injured thereby all goods sorted would sell for more there than the Company give for them the Merchants sell the refused goods for more than the Company pay for the good generally the Sorters whose notes are in the Bales must answer for the true Sortment.

34. They never take in goods worse than Muster without an abatement as the Invoices will show Impossible to get a whole Cargo to come up to Muster there will be 3 or 4 Numbers in any 100 Pieces bespoke.

35. Sorry the Warehousekeepers Complain of the Sorting which Suppose must be generall or would have sent the Particulars; they must be mistaken in saying the higher Number are no better than the lower. N°: 1 is highest and between each is an abatement because worse. Sorry for the Complaints about Fort S^{t}: Davids they never wanted admonition as the Letters will Show.

36. Blew Long Cloth will Mildew unless open'd and air'd after packing, the Warehousekeeper shall be minded to do it, what now sent was so air'd.

37. No body makes advantage of packing the Bales the Packing Stuff coming from the Bay, the Charge per Bale is as usuall the Profit always brought to Account in the Books.

38. Shall hereafter inspect the Package of all goods, the Warehouse Servants say it is as formerly and the Packing Stuff such as received from the Bay.

39. List of Goods wanting Show'd to such as are Living and mentioned therein who offer to make Oath they put in the full Quantity Specify'd in their notes to the best of their knowledge and that it is hard they should answer for the Boatmens Villany; the Councill think the Packers are not guilty of fraud therein.

40. Have sent to S^{t}: Davids the Paragraph relating to them and about the 40 or 50 Covid Bettellees and their Letters will show they have often found fault with those goods.

41. The Bale of Izzarees was bought without Sorting therefore had them so cheap.

[1] *Punjam.* A certain number of threads; it denotes a class of cotton cloths varying in quality according to the number of threads in the woof.—*Wilson's Glossary.*

42. The Warriar Pollam Long Cloth different from the Muster and 2 Pag^{s}: better per Corge the Invoice will show have allowance for goods not come up to muster the Sorter signs the Tickett and is Answerable.

43. Have promoted the Company's Method of Investments the Company would have suffered if they had not fallen into it these troublesome times.

44. Madrass Rupees for two years past at 9½ per cent Batty in Bengall the Rajah Maul is 10½ and 11 which is a trick of the Shroffs there being but 9/16 intrinsick difference as per enclosed paper they play the same tricks at Madrass with Rupees and Pagodas can't remedy it unless will drive them away.

45. Have perused the Account of Sales glad there is so much profitt thereon.

46. Can't but observe the great difference between the profit of Sallampores and Gurrahs, Gurrahs[1] from the Bay yield 25 to 30 per Cent profit at Madrass therefore send for all Wrappers and Packing Stuff from thence.

47. They have Constantly sent by the Captains Abstract of the Generall Letter and Cargo wonder the Captains have not sent it.

48. Forbid sending petre to the Fort from the Bay except on the Companys Ships having enough by them because it Costs 2 Rupees a Bag freight.

49. The China Cargo agreed in Consultation to be Sold at Outcry in April when Sold twenty Candy Copper resolving not to let it go under 50 Pag^{s}, on the 4th May sent 100 Candy to the Bay and the same quantity the 18th as per Consultation, rest of the Japan Copper Sold at 52 Pag^{s}: per Candy, 40 Candy sent to Vizagapatam Sold at 50 Pag^{s}, 51 Candy of Junan and Tonqueen Copper remaining which the Howland would not carry to the Bay freight free being let out to the black Merchants. Account of Sales of that Cargo sent to see the profits of that Voyage. Consultation of 18th May shows what goods wanting and what over in the Kents China Cargo. Captains &c^{a}: Answer to their demand for satisfaction for the wanting enter'd the 27th ditto in the Consultation Book. On his return shall make them pay for them.

50. They stopt their Investment the 16th October at Madrass and St. Davids as per Consultation but on receiving the Orders per Dispatch the 26th November agreed to write to St. Davids to make an Investment of 5 or 600 Bales according to the List by her and next day ordered the same at Madrass and wrote to Matchlepatam to bring up what goods the List ordered.

Fourthly as to the Trade of India in Generall and therein any Transactions with the Countrey Government.

51. Last year the Acheeners used theirs and the Bay Ships Barbarously. Quedah last year took a Ship and Cargo of a Madrass Inhabitant, had they power would revenge it.

52. Shall be carefull to prevent disputes with the Moors List of Souldiers received and discharged sent. have but a small recruit and St. Davids must have some of them.

53. Touching the Inconveniencys of giving Commissions in England or there shall write in the Sequell.

54. In Revolutions and new Officers coming into Government must make presents or all business will stand still; they are unwilling to give Money, wish it had been needless at Vizagapatam, fear it must this year be repeated there.

55. Reasons why have not pull'd down the old Factory at Madapollam; a Mogull in it and the Rashwar in the New have planted Cannon on both and a Corner of the New is beat down; have wrote thither to gett satisfaction.

56. The Governours reason for writing as he did to the New Company is assured; he shall recover his Wright when judged by Impartiall Men.

57. By what they have wrote to Pegu hope have prevented the Arabs building Ships there.

58. No Inhabitant here shall Contribute to the good of any place to the hurt of Madrass.

[1] *Gurrahs*, a kind of plain course India muslin.—*Oxford Dictionary*.

59. When the Nabob came to St. Thoma the 24th January presented him about 400 Pag^{s}: he Marcht away the 4 February; at the Governours desire he punisht 2 of the right hand Cast come out of the Countrey to raise new troubles as per Consultation of the 4th and 9th February, 23th September he return'd again 25th Messrs Raworth and Davenport waited on him with a present of about 200 Pag^{s}: by them he sent a Perwanna or grant of five Townes adjoyning to the Companys valued at 1,500 Pag^{s}: per annum about which had great disputes with the Kings Officers as per Consultations 25th 28th 30th September and on the 16th October let them for 12 years at 200 Pag^{s}: a year as per Consultation.

60. The Boatmen who stole the goods carryed on board the Dutchess by Consultation of the 10th February were whipt at a Cart round the black Towne their ears were not cutt off they paying 500 Pag^{s}: the 19th August.

61. Translates of their Transactions with the Countrey Government sent in the Packett.

62. Refer to Consultation of the 12th March touching their endeavours to make reprizalls on Quedah for seizing a Ship and Cargo belonging to Madrass.

63. Refer to the Consultation of the 29th March why they have settled the Sellers of Elephants to pay the Duty on them when sold.

64. Have granted leave to Mr. Stoaks to Settle at Pegu under the English protection his Petition and Instructions to him enter'd in the Consultations of the 29th March and 10th May.

65. The troubles about the Casts so well Setled as can never again be renewed the Governour has had a great deal of Trouble about it which had never happened if all the Councill had been faithfull to the Company about the Conclusion of it refer to the Consultations of 19th April 27th May and 21st June.

66. Refer to Mr. Bennetts Narrative of the 10th June after the Consultation about the transaction at Madagascar.

67. Zoodee Caun having been much their friend at Court they presented his Lady with 130 Pag^{s}: value and wanting Remises from her husband lent her at desire 500 Pag^{s}: as per Consultations 7th and 19th August which is returned without asking for it and paid into Cash.

68. There being a necessity of presenting the King agreed that Messrs. Raworth Frederick and Davenport buy what proper as per Consultation 26th October.

69. The Nabobs Deputy coming to St. Thoma the Bramine was sent to complement him were necessitated to present him and his retinue to about 60 or 70 Pag^{s}: as per Consultation of the 11th instant.

70. Grain being for 2 Months very Scarce and 6 Mercall of Rice being sold for a Pag^{o}: instead of 8½ obliged the Merchants to sell it at 7 which Satisfyed the Poor as per Consultation of the 15th instant.

Fifthly as to your Fortifications and Revenues.

71. The Setling the Measure of Rice is very good for the place the Charge of the Farmers exorbitancy and oppressions unknown to the Councill; the Governour has a strict eye over them when any Complain aright they are redrest; the Companys own Servants instill mischievous notions into the natives to embroyl the Companys Affaires and fear it is those whom the Company have most obliged; the Governour would not suffer any of his Dubashes Conicoplys &c^{a}: Servants to medle in the Companys Affairs or Government for Examples sake and when he has catcht any others to whomsoever belonging has always Chawbuck'd them which is the best Law for such vile People they were never more kept under than of late years if any know otherwise let it be proved and it shall be redrest.

72. The Reports of more being raised for the Town Wall than ordered has been on enquiry found false; the last assessment was paid by the heads of the Casts in the Consultation Room; intended a new Assessment to finish all but the troubles and dearness of grain prevented itt.

73. The Council are applauded in the Countrey far and near for their Justice and Regular Government which has vastly encreased the Inhabitants of Madrass the Governour often decides matters for the Kings Officers.

74. The Governour in answer to the 63 Paragraph says he is sorry the Company are angry for his writing the truth, any that came from thence could tell who was the ox and who the Asse all Paragraphs as well as that read twice in Consultation the Governour answered the objections and their Consciousness made them sign.

75. The people and the Councill did approve the Mayors Court but dreaded the Charges; it saved the Councill trouble from Petitions which the Governour Generally endorsed to the Mayor for examination and decision and if the Petitioner was unwilling to go thither made 4 of that Cast to arbitrate the matter whom he charged to do justice and give dispatch; could wish for the Companys sake to know who gave that false information; the Governour has sometimes reprimanded a Mayor for Acting irregular but it was friendly instance in a Warrant granted for seizing a Person and goods without hearing the Cause when the Governour check'd the Mayor and told him should have rather endeavoured to decide matters amicably and in 2 Portugeez whose cause had been tryed at St. Thoma when lived there which the Governour thought ought not for the reasons mentioned be tryed again at Madrass and so the Governour and Councill ordered the Mayors Court to dismiss it as per Consultation 7 May 1706 and has ordered the Mayor to decline medling with Causes between Moors but send them to Arbitration of their own Casts to preserve the place in peace and when the Assistants have not attended the Courts has told them they should not be protected by it and told the Mayor when the Complaint has been for want of Attorneys that they were a Court of Conscience and might Act without that form the Charge of the Councills desiring to have Causes brought before them false refer to Consultation where all things acted before the Councill are entered to prove it, not ten heard in all the Governours time and those decided aright trying the Cause not the Person; they think it necessary to send a new Charter with proper Regulations, that Causes be determined in a Sett hour of days, the fees of Court settled and Affixed to the Charter, the fine for not serving Aldermen to be more than 5 Pag^{s}: and those who don't attend the Court to be fin'd if can't show good Cause for want of which can't often make a Court; they are famed all over the Countrey for their justice, weights and Measures and the exact Matt and weight in the Mint.

76. The farmer of Egmore &c^{a}: towns complaining 1300 Pag^{s}: a year was too much and Offring a Present to be discharged the Governour has lett them for 1750 Pag^{s}: a year for 12 years as per Consultation of the 12th March.

77. The Paying but 2½ per Cent on traversing goods being found inconvenient and [some] what lessend the Customs have repealed that Order as per Consultation of the 17th May where the reasons are mentioned.

78. Refer to Consultations of the 19th August, 2nd September and 26th November for the reasons for fining one Conicoply 200 Pag^{s}: the Choultry Conicoply 300 Pag^{s}: and 2 Shoppkeepers 40 Pagodas.

79. A small earthquake the 24th October.

80. The Governour gott the Ship released which was taken by two French Ships off Madrass and belonged to the Inhabitants; he has always kept the French in temper or must have shutt up Shop the Martha saved thereby.

Sixthly Touching Factors Writers Officers and Souldiers and their Accounts.

81. Due care taken of all that are sick; the Governour looks after it and supplys the Doctor out of his own as well as the Companys stores.

82. The unsetled times hindered the building the House at the Mount.

83. Mr. Mountague was before Mr. Farmer and 2d of right of Fort St. David is of unquestionable ability and integrity and well beloved.

84. China Supra Cargos have been prest to Satisfy for what wanting; have advised what excuses they make which the Councill believe are true, the Madrass Supra Cargos Suffer the like.

85. Messrs. Petty and Hall dead worth nothing, their Security must make good what demanded of them.

86. Mr. Addison received into Council as ordered Mr. Langelier and Mr. Whitchcotts Covenants not received.

87. Mr. Wigmore was offered attested Copy of his Covenants is Since dead.

88. The Governours Answer to the Companys Letter about the 78 Paragraph of that by the Loyall Cook about the Factors Marrying Gentues or Mohomutans those decended of them are of no better Principles if the Company are satisfyed he is.

89. Mr. Francis Molineux deserves the Character given him; don't hear otherwise of Mr. Cotterell.

90. Mr. Morton dy'd at Vizagapatam, if has made a will shall pay the Money Accordingly or else into Cash; that sent to Mr. Horden will be remitted him.

91. Their excuse about supplying the West Coast having now orders shall pay no more of their Bills but that dos and will prejudice the Companys Affairs and endanger the Place those concerned in the Protested Bills; hope shall have their Money and Interest. Employing ill Persons at Bencoolen has occasioned the Misfortunes there.

92. Their reason for not proceeding against the Separate Stock Ships; nobody there concerned with Sir George in his former Ship and in this to England the Governour declares he was not the Custom house Books will show did not trade to the amount of his Lycence; All there wish no separate Stock Ship had ever come.

93. European Ships well manned can never fail of freight in those parts thô no English are concerned therein.

94. Shall give Richard Stephens the Sargent when he arrives a Commission on a vacancy of Ensign if deserving.

95. The orders for all Ships trading from Madrass to pay the Council in the Bay a rupee per Ton for their pass a great hardship on Madrass whose passes were always preferable thrô out India to those of the Bay and they at the Fort pay 5 per cent; trade can't now bear a further charge, the English now must trade under other Nations on easyer terms than their own.

96. They had not paid the Bencoolen Bills for Dollars 23,938 but they knew the Edward and Dudley was Stopt and after taken.

97. Shall send monthly Accounts extracted to the Dispatch of the Ships and have ordered St. Davids to do the like.

98. They would not have wrote that Coja Surhaud was Dr. Auga Peree till on examination found it so; being too difficult for the Court at Madrass shall if he comes up put it to Arbitration of their own Nation.

99. Account of the Quarrell between Mr. Frederick and Mr. Davenport. Mr. Frederick gave the other rude Language on which he challenged him; the Governour reprimanded him and made them friends which both promised to be heartily; refer to the Court Mr. Fredericks gentileness in this Complaint afterwards the Governour has taken all the care possible in Affairs of this nature confining severall Quarrelsome Persons and making them friends, before he released them, hope the Company will excuse their not publishing the Clause ordered, which would Stigmatize the whole Councill for Cowards; there are some dare with their Sword defend the Companys honour and Interest and their own Credit, who are far from being quarrelsome or hot headed.

100. Lieutenant Gale refuses to let 20*l.* a year be stopt for his wife alledging she has a Joynture of 50*l.* a year.

101. Lieutenant Roach made ensign, since put in Lieutenant Seatons place Mr. Frederick only opposed him as per Consultations 10th February 25th and 29th March and 15th Aprill; believe Mr. Roach is injured in that matter, has a great Character.

102. Padre Michaell head of the Portugeez Church dying the 18th February the Fathers of that Church Petitioned the Councill thô it necessary to stop the pretence that the Chief Padre of that Church is hereditary to the French Capuchines as per Consultation, their Petition and the Institution and Induction granted comes in the Pacquett.

103. Refer to Consultation of the 10th July about Lieut. Seatons Letter to the Governour and the answer.

104. Refer to Consultation of 11th October about Mr. Manning Supra Cargo of the Kents petition and their Answer thereto.

105. Concerning Lieutenant Gale and the use he made of the Companys Commission, 27th December. Agreed in Consultation to lay it aside, and to give him the usuall Commission his Letter to the Governour enter'd after that Consultation shows his Impertinence they put him in the Second Post to the first Lieutenant but he was for mounting alone and having a Company apart made up to 80 men and to have three Companys to Mount the Guards by turns; they have 160 mounted every day; the Governour answered his Arrogancys by telling him he must obey not Command, or he might return home.

106. Mr. Morton dying of Council at Vizagapatam have appointed Mr. Horden to succeed him.

107. Refer to Consultation of the 9th March why they laid aside Mr. Hiller allowing him 6 Pag^{s}. a Month dyet.

108. Have furnished Captain Harrison with a Corporall and ten Musteez Souldiers at his charge to defend his Ship.

109. Mr. Mountague laid down the Service as per Consultation of the 11th Instant.

110. Upon a vacancy in the Councill put in Mr. Davenport who has a right by his merit as well as Seniority was 8 years Secretary which he discharged with Integrity and diligence hope the Company will confirm him.

111. Mr. Legg who came on a West Coast Ship recommended by the President and Councill of Benjar entertained Factor as per Consultation of the 13th instant, till the Companys further pleasure.

SEVENTHLY AS TO FORTS &C. SUBORDINATE TO THIS FACTORY.

112. Sent the Rising Sun Smack to Vizagapatam to repair the 27th August with Souldiers goods and Stores value Pagodas 2580 : 32 : 5. She returned the 14th December with 130 Bales value Pogodas 6724 : 22 : at their desire agreed to send them the 6th instant Particulars amounting to Pagodas 3931 : 24 : as per Consultation.

EIGHTLY TOUCHING THE AFFAIRS OF THE WEST COAST.

113. The Madrass Merchant who arrived from Bencoolen 27th February brought a Letter enter'd No. 13 praying to have their protested Bills paid without that money; could not have sent home the Carleton or Subsisted the Fort.

114. By the Danes Ship advised had on the Anna's return from the West Coast paid the owners bill for Dollars 2675 : 2. as per Consultation 27th May and Letter No. 33. 11th instant arrived a Ship from the West Coast bringing advice of Mr. Hoyle and Lapies death, and Mr. Shingle succeeding Governour the Letter in the Packett.

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115. Foregoing wrote some days ago when hoped to have dispatcht the Ships but the Weather hinder'd severall days work and the Captains delayed hoping to have less Tea if a Ship came to take part; hope the Company will Consider them on Account of its great Tonage.

116. Sommers arrived the 18th past from Bengall took on shore her treasure and goods except Lead and Iron Shall return her to Bengall as per Consultations of the 21st past Month.

117. Had on the 13th January agreed to sell the Broad Cloth at the Sea Gate the 24th but the Summers arriving it was defferred to the 26th as per Consultations Sold it at 45 per cent on Invoice with all faults but Sea damage.

118. Broad Cloth per Mountague being on Survey found damaged Pag^{s}. 423 : 12. the Captain paid the same into Cash as per account in the Packett.

119. By the Dispatch advised should send Messrs. Roberts, Lewis and Berlu with the Present to the Mogull to save charge in the Equipage; have agreed to send only the two last; fear it will amount to Pag^{s}. 20,000 but hope to save double thereby at the Bay and Suratt the Company shall be honestly dealt with therein.

120. 11th past Month Messrs. Francis and John Cook Essay Masters petitioned to rise in the Service they are able honest and deligent Mr. Francis Cooke head Searcher at the Sea Gate his brother now Mayor.

121. The Litchfields Cloth taken with the Moth would have been spoil'd in few Months had not the Army at Gulcondah taken it off.

122. The Governour had gon home per Litchfield but was desired to finish the Negotiation with the King as per Consultation of the 8th and 13th past Month–will stay till September.

123. 24th past Mr. Roberts desired to lay down the Service and go home was deny'd because the Governour resolved to go in September.

124. Have sold Colloway and Vincattee Chittees 10 Chests more of Treasure towards paying what owe them and 20 Chests to pay the Bills from St. Davids where owe Pag^{s}: 31,925 : 15 : 3 which was at interest from 1st July to the 1st January.

125. 26th past by French news heard Sir Nicholas was confined at Bombay it comes in the Packett; Letters from Callicutt the 31st December advise the Tavistock and Wentworth were Sail'd thence to Bombay.

126. By the Ship which the French took and restor'd received the West Coast Consultations and Cash Account to March 1708 the Cash account sent shall the other per next Ships. The Bills for Dollars 54,738 protested at Madras exactly Entered in the Cash in May 1707 ; hope the Company will order their payment.

127. The trade of India not worth the Risco the Pyrates French and Tyranny of Countrey Governments the Cause of it ; a Madrass Ship went to Suratt and let out her Stock on goods freighted for Security the Governour being bribed forced the goods ashore and the Ship returned leaving 20,000 Dollars. Arabs as insolent as ever.

128. 18th past the President arrived from Tonqueen the Company will gett somewhat the freighters but little Mermaid gon from Mallacca to Batavia.

129. Per Letter from Bengall dated the 6th past Month Enclosed understand the Government is troublesome and chargeable there ; a large Ship was standing into Bellasore road with English Colours.

130. The large French Ship laden at Pullichery for France, Litchfield and Mountague ordered therefore to keep company.

131. Robberys and Murders all about the Countrey 3d last Month the Mogull beat and kill'd Cawn Bux his Princess and son.

132. 11th January the Stretham Donegall and Todington were off Point Palmeras only the Herne and Recovery now missing.

133. Wine now sent good desire it be sent pure fine and unmixed.

134. Have received the Chest of Medicines but no Invoice Dr. Bulkleys List not regarded which ought to be for the Companys benefit.

135. List of goods and Stores wanted sent desire better Cloth than what now sent it is harsh course and like stiff Blankett the Scarlet no better than Aurora.

136. Moors Ship from Bengall advises the goods up Countrey were unclear'd the Souldiers detain'd the English at Patana confined fear it is true because few of the Bay Ships are arrived. Invoice of the Litchfield Pag^{s} : 71,868 : 29 : 4 of the Mountague Pag^{s} : 78,832 : 31 : 3.

THO : PITT
W. MARTIN
ROB : RAWORTH
THO : FREDERICK
GULS : ADDISON
RICH : HUNT
HENRY DAVENPORT.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM THOMAS FREDERICK, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 1, 7 AND 8, 1709, RECEIVED PER LITCHFIELD AND MOUNTAGUE, APRIL 24, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 188. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Enclosed are Copys of his of the 13th, 15th and 22th January 1707-8 by the Dutchess when advised of the hardships he lay under is now abused by the Governours misrepresenting him who swore to ruine him and now represents his Actions as don out of a factious temper, the Council wheedled by the Governour to sign against him two owning they did it for a quiet life if the Company were to examine things they would find the Account different.

2. The reasons why Mr. Roach should not be a Lieutenant was because he was an outlaw and that made him except to the Consultation and the Secretary and Mr. Raworth read his Exception afterwards the Governour told him he must prove the Charge in the Exception Mr. Roach being called before the Councill the Governour told him of it and that he must thank Mr. Frederick for it. Mr. Roach said it was false but said he depended on the Board for satisfaction since his hands being ty'd he could not take it; some of the Councill said Mr. Roach would demand justice for endeavouring to take away his Bread. Mr. Roach being ordered on a day to give in his answer and Mr. Frederick to be ready with proof, gave in none in writing but by word of Mouth deny'd the Charge he had an Answer in Writing but was advised not to give it, then the Governour told Mr. Frederick to recant or prove his Exception to which he answered in Writing that his Exception was agreable to the Companys allowed liberty where he did not approve anything of which they would be judges and is what others have don without being obliged to prove on which they ordered none should enter any Exceptions till they the Councill had considered of it which he thinks is against the Companys orders and would not Assent to and was thereupon ordered to withdraw and being come in again was bid to recant or prove the matter he saying Ensign Dixon told him about Mr. Roach they never call'd him in but let it fall. Mr. Roach owned he was in the French Kings Service and pay, the Councill know the fact to be true if they did not would prove his Exceptions to be false he denys the Charge of excepting because he is Captains Seatons Sonne in Law for he excepted against his being Ensign before Captain Seaton was suspended.

3. He thanks the Company for their good design to right him as to the Affront given him by Mr. Davenport; the Governours Account of that is unjust and he showing so little dislike of the Secretarys Action therein forced him to seem satisfyed. Mr. Davenport now made a Supernumerary Councellor, he has since abused Mr. Wm Martin to a great degree and Challenged Captain Gab: Poirier when on the Guard. Thō the Casts appear quiet yet strange things will come to light when the persons who can prove them are not intimidated. Mr. Frazer abused therein the Governour saying he could prove against him but has not a Gloss put over the Companys Affairs and those who would pry into them persecuted and worryed.

7TH FEBRUARY 1708–9.

Upon his Entering his Exceptions in the Generall Letter about Mr. Roach and Mr. Davenport the Governour vilifyed him and suppose will write against him. Mr. Roaches paper of the 28th March 1708 never produced till this day to the Councill. Ensign Dixon owns he knew him in the French Kings Service Anno 1694 but all is to be ended if he produces his discharge or Licence. Mr. Frederick was deny'd to take Copys of severall things but Copys were given of his Exceptions.

THO: FREDERICK.

8TH FEBRUARY 1708–9.

The Governour this day producing a Letter in Consultation which he and Council signed the Company will therein see they endeavour to hinder his liberty of making exceptions. Mr. Roach should produce his pasport if he had any and all would be well the Governour threatens to turn him out of Council if he makes any more exceptions and would represent him as ignorant and Malicious to lessen what he has wrote the Company says Mr. Davenport and Roach ought to knock his brains out which the Council ought to have check'd desires to be heard with the Governour before the Company.

THO: FREDERICK.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE OLD COMPANY. FEBRUARY 3, 1709. RECEIVED PER TODINGTON, MARCH 6, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 207. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was the 6th December 1707 per Nathaniel and 22th January following by the Dutchesse Copys enclosed have received the Companys Letters 16th April last by the Dispatch and Sommers.

2. Believe the Company have forgot the Debt in Bengall Supposing the 12 Chests per Tankerville would clear it because they ordered the Effects at Madrass Should be sent to the Bay to be invested and return'd to England the St. George and Rochester carry'd home 90,600 Rupees the Howland now has 51,300 Rupees.

3. If the United Company had paid off the Debt the Loyall Cooke and Tankerville could not have been laden the Amount of 10 Chests Silver was paid last year and sent to the Bay to be return'd on the St. George and Rochester Kent did not arrive till March brought 60,000 Tale in Tea her Copper was so dull a commodity was forc't to send to the Bay and some lyes by have Pagodas 49,033 : 24 : 40 Coyning into rupees part of the United Debt which shall send to the Bay on the Sommers and shall clear the remainder of the Debt tho the United take up Money at Interest have sent to the Bay directions about the Investment.

4. They have not been able at the Bay or Coast to get Bills to pay off the Companys Debt they will consider and advise to the Bay whether best to pay the Debts or return the money there in goods.

5. Anqua was last year at Chusan but Miserably poor.

6. Since the West Coast has been independant have no Account of the Companys Affairs.

7. They have don all they can to get in the Debt from the Joynt Stock Merchants it was Contracted for before the President arrived and but little Clear'd till after the Union were forced to put them in Prison and use them hardly to make them pay it they will suffer any extremity rather than pay money for another Man thô rich they got in as much as they could and hope most of it will be good the President has his hand on 1,500 Pagodas of Serapans he is on great importunity let out of Prison the President will clear Accounts before he leaves the Place 10 or 12,000 Pagodas is likely to be lost but it is a wonder the bad debts were no more.

8. By the Dutchesse they sent the Books received from the Bay with an Account of their Negociations.

9. Little hopes of getting anything of the Syam debt Copy of the letter from the Chief Minister sent.

10. Can say no more in Mr. Ingrams behalf than have already the People in India ought to be as exact as the Companys Servants in England are; the Villany of the Boatmen was advised last year if send Peons with them they are often as bad.

11. Concerning Mr. Dolben and the demand upon him for Demorage and Average which hoped the Company would have made he is still under the obligations to be Accomptable he traded with Anqua only on the Companys account and with others on his private Consignments; severall others that dealt with Anqua came off no better than Mr. Dolben; refer to their Consultations to whom the 54,833 Tale belonged, the Company had the use of 20,000 Pagodas paid into their Cash most of the rest went home in Raw Silk.

12. Had contracted for Bettellees but they proving bad refused them.

13. Have great difficultys in their endeavours to get in the Companys Debts best to use the present Method of Investments thô the Goods come in but Slow because it prevents bad debts.

14. Have disposed of all the Companys remains of goods sent in August last, Rupees 11,569 to the Bay.

15. Fort St. George and Vizagapatam books now sent and the Copys by the Mountague.

12 Bales fine Long cloth sent by this Ship Litchfield as per Invoice.

THO: PITT
THO: FREDERICK
GULSTON ADDISON
RICH: HUNT
HEN: DAVENPORT.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM HENRY DAVENPORT TO THE COMPANY, FEBRUARY 4, 1709. RECEIVED PER LITCHFIELD AND MOUNTAGUE, MARCH 6, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 190. (*India Office transcript*).]

He finds by the Generall Letter Mr. Frederick complained to the Company against him Mr. Frederick was the Aggressor and at his own request the Governour accommodated it and made both promise to say no more of it and he did not but is now obliged to vendicate himself, the same having been examined and an Answer thereto return'd in the Generall Letter hope the Company will put a favourable construction thereon he is elected of the Council to fill up the vacancy being next thereto and having been 8 years in the fatigueing employ of Secretary hope the Company will confirm it.

HEN: DAVENPORT.

LETTER FROM THOMAS PITT AND ROBERT RAWORTH, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE NEW COMPANY. FEBRUARY 7, 1709. RECEIVED NOVEMBER 29, 1709. [*O. C. Vol.* 62, No. 8555. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HONBLE. THE DIRECTORS
FOR AFFAIRS OF THE ENGLISH EAST INDIA COMPANY.

Sirs,

We wrote you by the Dutchess, copy of which comes enclos'd, when we hoped to have been more successfull in your affairs with your Metchlepatam Merchants then hitherto has happen'd, we expected that they would have come hither by sea, but they deferr'd it so long, till they lost their monsoon, and by land there has been no coming for 'em since, by reason of the troubles, but we find some or other has inculcated into 'em that they can't fail of having their principall and interest, and here are not people wanting to doe such ill offices, they have wrote T. Pitt two letters, translates of which comes inclosed, by which you 'I see that they are blown up with great expectations, but being willing to make an end of it, before our people go up to the King, we have offer'd 'em upon delivering up their bonds, and giving a full discharge, to pay 'em forty thousand Pagodas, and no farther will we goe.

Your redwood is brought hither, or otherwise it had been every stick gone, and shall be sold as an opportunity presents.

In the box of bookes is Messrs. Faunce and Bakers accounts to which we referr you.

We wish we may make an end of this troublesome business to your satisfaction, wherein you may be assured of our strict integrity and diligence for that we are.

Hon^ble^. Sirs,
Your most Obedient Humble Servants,

Fort St. George,
Feb^ry^. 7th 1708–9.

THO. PITT
ROBERT RAWORTH.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 7, 1709. RECEIVED PER LITCHFIELD, MARCH 6, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 187. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. This day Dr. Bulkley quitted his Employment Mr. Robinson Surgeon of the Mountague entertained in his place.

2. Are asham'd of Mr. Fredericks exceptions in the General Letter the relation of the difference between Mr. Davenport and him is true as given in the letter; the Governour will swear to the making them friends, leave the Company to judge of Mr. Fredericks Complaint afterwards; this creates quarrels and Inveteracy among Gentlemen; they refer to the Consultations of the 10th February 25th and 29th March and 15th April about his exceptions against Mr. Roach who they mightily commend for a good Officer and they would give any Security for him. Mr. Frederick accuses him of high Treason but refuses to prove it and insists he must clear himself the Enclosed Paper he delivered the Governour who charged him to say no more of the matter if it was not read in Consultation it was to bury all in oblivion, there being great endeavours to sett the Officers a Quarelling which might be of dangerous Consequences and the Company should take this into Consideration; the Governour has taken great pains to Convince Mr. Frederick of his Errors but in vain, Letters from Bombay of the 16th November advise of Mr. Goodshaw and Captain Edwards death. The Aurengzebe ⅔ laden for England.

THO: PITT
WM. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
GUL: ADDISON
RICH: HUNT
HEN: DAVENPORT.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1709–1710.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 11/23, 1709. RECEIVED PER HEATHCOTE, AUGUST 17, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 208. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last was by the Mountague and Litchfield, the Mountagues Invoice Pagodas 78,823 : 31 : 3 the Litchfields Invoice Pagodas 71,868 : 29 : 4.

2. The Sommers being so sickly and weak could not last season dispatch her for Europe: Sent her to Bengall the 1st March with rupees 1,68,000 in treasure.

3. The Stretham arriv'd the 12th February in as bad a condition as the Sommers was sent to the Bay the 2d April with rupees 35,000 : Captain Goughs Account of the Ships weak condition entered in Consultation the 14th February.

4. Donnegall and Herne sent up from the Bay with Stores part of which as ordered they deliver'd at Fort [St.] Davids and the rest at Madrass arriving the 5th May 1709 : Herne sent back to the Bay with Rupees 2,94,598½. 10,000 Pagodas sent on the Donnegall to Vizagapatam from thence she went to the Bay hear both arrived there.

5. Kent did not return from China till the 15th May occasioned by a French Ship of 40 Guns 200 Men being in Canton River when he was there which by his Interest with the Chineeses he kept from taking him by a Storm and hazy weather he mist the Streights of Mallacca and with difficulty got to Batavia where another Storm did him much damage, Compounded with the Freighters the Demorage as per Consultations of the 15th July : Kent sent to Bengall with 300 Bales amounting to Pagodas 14,659 : 29 : 4.

6. The Mermaid Captain Brock Separate Stock Ship arrived Madrass 16th May : did no business and Sail'd for the Bay 27th June.

7. Abingdon arrived 20th May from Suratt freighted by Rustumjee for 18,000 Rupees Tavistock bound for Persia, Fleet Frigot for China, Wentworth for Mocha : Sir Nicholas Wait Sail'd on the Aurengzebe for Europe.

8. John and Eliza Captain Read arrived the 24th July from Persia has made a good Voyage designs one more Trip and then for England a Danes Ship from Persia arriv'd soon after him were forced to leave half their Cargo behind, complain of Mr. Dodsworth and the Broker who hinder Merchants coming to the Factory hoping thereby to get their goods on their own terms.

9. Have formerly advised their design to send a Present to the Mogull by Messrs. Lewis and Berlue but the Mogull marching from Gulconda for Delhi their intention was prevented it being the Generall Opinion the Present would be lost if sent by land, whereupon wrote to Zodee Caun to send a Gusbardarr[1] to convoy it when he thought proper : the 11th August one arrived at Metchlepatam the Mogull was then at Auringabad : they agreed to send the richest part of the present to Metchlepatam with their Chief Dubash and Mulla and the rest to Bengall on the Abingdon to go thence to Suratt and so to the King : fear it will be very chargeable to get the Phirmaund the Kings Marches being so uncertain the English are the only Europeans in favour : Dutch turned out of Gulcondah and as reported ordered out of India : touching this refer to Consultations of January, February, August and September their countrey letters.

10. Nabob Doud Caun reinstated in his Government with new honours desire the raritys wrote for as large bear dogs Some Swans which will be very acceptable : he defeated Caun Buxs : so suppose he will continue in his Nabobship during the Kings reigne.

11. Abdull Labby their former friend has the Government of the Chingee Countrey.

12. August 15th 3 Ships past by St. Davids 2 under English Colours on a boat sent out to them : they were found to be 2 St. Malloes Separate Ships bound

[1] *Gusbardari* (Persian) a mace-bearer. His business is to preserve order in assemblies, to carry the king's orders, and execute his commands with the utmost speed.'—*Hobson-Jobson.*

to Pondichery the 3d a Dutch Prize who past by Madrass 10 days before the St. Lewis laid ashore at Donmaskereen to refitt a vessell of 80 tons was parted from them off Madagascar, She found an advantagious trade with the Pyrates at Port St. Marys: 150 Pyrates gon out to cruise the St. Malloes Ships are gon to Merga, Suppose from thence to Ballasore and so drive down the coast to Pondichery for Prizes.

13. Hear 2 French Ships are at Mocho with a Dutch Prize of 80 Guns which they took off the Cape after 6 hours the Wentworth and a Dutch Ship put thereupon into Aden to avoid them.

14. Mr. Sheldon dy'd the 26th April has been indisposed for 2 years, he is highly commended: Messrs. Russell and Adams Chairmen their Letters will show how well they sell their Broad cloth and what more they can dispose of, Suppose the difference between water and land carriage occasions it.

15. The Heathcote arriv'd the 17th September, She brought the Companys Letter of the 4th February the Councill Summoned the next morning the Governour according to the Orders and Commission resigned to Mr. Addison the Chair, the Generall Letter read the next day Messrs. Fraser, Mountague, Bulkley and Jennings took their places in Councill, Governour Pitt paid in the Ballance of his Account of Cash and they gave him a discharge, he has much improv'd the place and trade.

16. Heathcote ordered to be forthwith unladen that the Silver might be coyned which came out according to Invoice and to send her to the Bay.

17. Upon further Consideration of the Companys letter resolved to hasten away the Heathcote for England having Bales enough ready and the Company having wrote for Brown Long Cloth and the warehousekeepers had orders accordingly.

18. The President thankfull for the favour don him and hopes to deserve its continuance by increasing the revenues and the vend of Broad Cloth and lessning the Price of Callicoes and complying with all orders.

19. Frederick and Hallifax arrived at Negapatam the 20th September where they landed their Treasure and waited for orders which were sent them 1st instant departed and the 11th ditto with the Concord were at St. Davids.

20. Tankerville and New George arriv'd Madrass the 21st September, being gotten too far to the Eastward could not weather Ceylone and their Men being sick came to Madrass and stayed 18 days to refresh 9th instant they departed: Copys of Captain Newman and Osbournes reasons enclosed.

21. Having the Kent and Sommers to dispatch and Bales but for one gave notice would make a new Investment in Consultation the 28th September but coming to no agreement appointed the 3rd instant to treat again when agreed with Sunca R[a]ma Colloway Chitted &c^{a}: for an abatement of 5 per Cent on the old prices and sold all their Broad Cloth at 50 per Cent on Invoice, they are Substantiall men and promise to dispatch the Ships in January.

22. Mr. Brabourn being appointed Deputy Governour of St. Davids and being lost Mr. Fraser was ordered to that post but could not go till the 11th instant.

23. Mr. Roberts dayly expected with his family designs home on the Kent: shall treat him as ordered &c^{a}.

24. Mr. Davenport as he petitioned has laid down the Service the 19th September.

25. Mr. William Warre appointed Secretary in his room and is well qualifyed.

26. Mr. Berlu designed to go up with the Moguls present being sent for from St. Davids Messrs. Faunce and Bridges officiated in his employs and ordered to be accountable for his perquisites but they refused thô Severall times ordered to account and chose rather to be suspended and desired to be discharged which is granted have ordered the amount of the Perquisites to be stopt out of their Sallarys paying the rest but they refusing have paid them none.

27. Concerning Captain Seatons dismission what he alledges in excuse is a notorious falsity has carry'd himself very insolently and by fresh misdemeanours did prevent his being reinstated as was designed.

28. Have reason to fear he has since been tampering with the Government to bring perpetuall trouble on the Place, Consultations sent showing their reasons for confining him Since design to send him home on this Ship.

29. Shall when the monsoon permits send Persons to supervise the West Coast the Governour has suspended the Councill appointed by the Company and put in new ones their Letter received via Bengall sent from those in and those suspended.

30. Have given the captain of the Heathcote orders to receive Mr. Pitt and his necessarys on board and treat him suitable to his character has been maintained since at the Companys charge and with suitable respect.

31. Heathcotes Invoice Pag^{s}: 97111 : 24 : 2.*

32. The Presidents indisposition prevented his answering the Companys Letter under the severall heads and every paragraph has endeavoured to dispatch the Ship and all necessary Papers hopes to give a full account of all the Companys affairs by the January Ships.

OCTOBER THE 23RD.

33. The Presidents sickness encreasing on him the 16th instant the Doctors despair'd of his life the 17th Mr. Mountague and Councill took the care of dispatching the Heathcote as soon as possible he dy'd that day at noon the Councill searched his Papers and found a will wherein Messrs. Mountague, Raworth, Fleetwood and Benyon were made Trustees and his wife and Brother Joseph Addison Esq^{r}: were Executors whereupon all his Effects were delivered them.

34. Mr. Fraser being gon to St. Davids to make an investment and if he came away before had compleated it the Ships must go home dead freighted : agreed Mr. Mountague should act as Provisionall President as per Consultations whereto refer.

35. Shall add further what President Addison intended to put in this Letter, They having advised the Company in former Letters, Doud Cawn came to St. Thoma and gave them five towns; they let them to Colloway and Vincattee Chittee for 12 years at 1200 Pagodas a year on the 10th instant : had a Letter and Perwanna from Yellappa to deliver him the towns on refusall he took possession of them which being open Towns and some 15 miles off they could not hinder President Addison thereupon complaining by Letter to Doud Cawn he ordered the person away and gave a peaceable possession of them to him again.

36. 13th Instant arrived a Surpau[1] from Usulph Cawn Subah of Gulcondah with a Letter : it was received with the usuall respect : he promises them a great deal of favour.

37. Mr. Holcombs debt to Fuckerla Cawn will give them trouble at Vizagapatam, the Nobob threatens to take it by force if not paid in a Month ; President Addison has wrote to him about it and hope it will have good Effect.

38. Eighty tons of Salt Petre more than Charterparty Spar'd Captain Tolson at his request.

39. Cant send the Copy book of countrey Letters it being mislaid.

40. Mr. Fawcetts Covenants sent with Mr. Whichcotts and his Bond. Abel Langalier is at St. Davids.

EDM. MOUNTAGUE
WM. MARTIN
ROB : RAWORTH
THO : FREDERICK
RICH : HUNT
EDW. BULKLEY
WM. JENNINGS.

[1] A military Paymaster.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

LETTER FROM THOMAS FREDERICK, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 20, 1709. RECEIVED PER HEATHCOTE, AUGUST 17, 1710. [*Madras Letters Received, Vol. I, p.* 1 (*India Office transcript*).]

To the Hon^ble^: Court of Managers,

Hon^ble^: Sirs,

1. The favour you have continued in ordering me in my Station In your late Alteration of Government here, obliges that I should offer you my humble thanks for the same which beg your honours will accept, As I have heitherto endeavoured to serve you faithfully according to that capacity God Allmighty has pleased to Indue me with, So I hope always by His Blessing to persevere in the Same, That thereby I may be both deserving of His and your favours for the future.

2. It is with wonderful regret and concern that I must acquaint Your Honours of the late President Gulston Addison Esq^rs^. Death who departed this Life the 17th Instant between the hours of Eleven and Twelve at noon, to the great grief of the whole Place and prejudice to your Affairs, as you will find by the sequence.

3. William Fraser Esqr. by your late Commission granted, being Constituted Deputy Governour of Fort St. David, Mr. John Brabourn being absent and too much to be feared in his Grave, as the Generall Letter will acquaint you he accordingly departed for Fort St. David the 13th Instant so that upon the Death of the Governour Mr. Mountague was head here, he Summoned us to Council, when after severall necessary Affairs being transacted, Wee came to the Succession. When Mr. Raworth made a motion that Mr. Fraser should not be sent for, for that he thought him a man incapacitated for it. Whereupon I answered him, whatever prejudice he had against him was not to take place, that I thought him an honest man, and therefore desired that as the Commission expressed the next in degree to succeed and the President dead and Mr. Brabourn absent the Government devolved upon Mr. Fraser and it was my opinion he should immediately be sent for, Mr. Raworth then; after other triviall debates between us, proposed it might be put to the Vote, I replyed that the nature of the thing allowed no such proceeding, for that he and all of us with the late President thought him fitting to be Deputy Governour of Fort St. David and had given him a commission accordingly, therefore this notion must proceed from prejudice or some design that was not good, but however at last the Silent Gentlemen (Mr. Raworth and I only argueing) declared it should be put to the Vote as Mr. Raworth expressed it, whether Mr. Fraser should be sent for immediately or not, whereupon as by the Consultation you will find that all except Mr. Raworth and I voted he should not be sent for immediately, the difference of Mr. Raworth's opinion and mine is thus. Mr. Raworth that he neither be sent for immediately or at all. Mine that the tenour of the Commission be executed, by which I perceive Mr. Fraser ought to be sent for immediately. I observed some of the gentlemen mentioned that he might have his due, tho' not to be sent for immediately, that word being a stumbling block to them, as if six days time would be an hindrance to your Investment at Fort St. David for the January Shipping in which time he might very well be here, and the Investment not any ways hindred for money is already sent which is the Life of the Merchants and Investment and the less to be feared by reason ours is compleated here and by Observation an Investment concluded at one Place is a Guide to the other, as that ours and their Merchants are actually in some degree Copartners, this point being over it was moved by Mr. Raworth who should take the Charge upon them for the present. Mr. Raworths opinion that wee should settle the Government according to the Method in Bengall till the Companys Pleasure was known and that Mr. Mountague and Mr. Martin should act alternately by weeks, my opinion that Mr. Mountague should act till Mr. Frasers arrivall. Now I beg Your Honours seriously to consider these things. I cannot with all the little judgement that I have find when you give leave in cases extraordinary for us to act the best

wee can for you, as we being upon the Spott, being able to foresee some things that cannot presently come to your Cognisance, (I wish to God this could) that therein you leave us such a vast Scope as this, and when you order directly that your Affairs shall be managed by a President and Council certainly this tends directly to the subversion of your Government and whoever may be charged with it before, you may pretty well guess where it is now, and that there is still some of the old Leaven left, as private Interest and little regard to our Masters Affairs and where the honesty of that Principle lyes I am at a Loss to find. A small Judgement methinks may in these transactions find something most extraordinary, here must be prejudice Self Will and design, and to Shew you all these things plain I first lay down to Your Honours that Mr. Raworth has allways profest a publick hatred to Mr. Fraser and I believe forwarded by his Friend Mr. Pitt; who I may dare to say has tutored him to sing his note, Self will and design in that I am assured Mr. Raworth did allure some of the Council with a prospect of a better Place then they had before, and perticularly Mr. Martin assured me himself he told him if he would be Consenting that he would propose him to be one of the Managers and that he might enjoy it sixteen Months at least before an alteration in which time his business would be done. For the preservation of your Affairs and every poor Inhabitant of this Place I begg youl'e send some good and Virtuous men with all expedition for I know not of a Man in India fitt to be a Governour or Second here and wish you do not find reason to repent your appointing some of the new ones. My zeale for your service keeps me in it, that I may if possible prevent further Mischiefs, have good reason to believe Your Honours Wisdomes will perceive that all my actions tend to honesty and Justice and that whatsoever my Enemies may alledge against me, may not throw me out of your favours, I beg Gods Blessing to all your undertakings and am

Hon^ble^ : Sirs,
Your most humble Servant
THO: FREDERICK.

FORT ST. GEORGE,
OCTOBER 20TH 1709.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM CAPTAIN FRANCIS SEATON, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 20, 1709. RECEIVED PER HEATHCOTE, SEPTEMBER 6, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 216. (*India Office transcript*).]

Complains of his hard usage from Governour Pitt and the new establisht Councill being unwilling to rehear his cause prays the Company to consider the enclosed he gave to Governour Addison which he could not get entered in Consultation: Says he has served twenty two years faithfully and prays the Company will redress his hard usage.

FRANCIS SEATON.

LETTER FROM THOMAS FREDERICK, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. OCTOBER 23, 1709. RECEIVED BY THE HEATHCOTE, AUGUST 17, 1710. [*Madras Letters Received, Vol.* 1, *p.* 5. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE^ : COURT OF MANAGERS,

Hon^ble^ : Sirs,

Since the foregoing namely on this day the 23rd wee had a Council, when upon reading the Consultations, found our debate in Council the 17th was not enterd, whereupon demanded it should be adding that I wondered anyone should leave out an Act of Council, which was read and approved, when I thus argued many answered their opinions was that Mr. Fraser ought to be Governour but the Investment at Fort St. David by his immediate comeing here might be hindered, I agreed with Mr. Mountague, his opinion was so, but that others had taken new

thoughts which were endeavouring to put a Gloss over their Attempts, and that I Scorned to deale underhand with any. Therefore told them observing their designs, had minuted the thing, and that I insisted the debate should be entered, they fearing I might gain advantage still Insisted it should not, when perceiving they might have an aime at me, which I never designed, as that my dispute they might turne that I would endeavour the retarding of Ship Heathcote so far Consented that as they were the majority would not give any unnecessary trouble to them, but if I disliked the additions or any parts of the Letter, I would make my exception adjoyned to my name.

The Hon^ble^: Sirs if you design to have a true state and account of your Affairs and those that serve you, but this with all Submission, and not as a proposall but my poor Sentiments, minuetes of all Consultations as soon as read and approved, every one should sign their names for after I have taken contrary advice to my first thoughts which were ill, and I find not approved by my Friends, I endeavour to putt a Gloss over my ill Principles or Directions. Undoubtedly that man that is fitt to Sett att this Board should be thought capable to hinder any Surprize upon him and an honest man will have this direction with him, that if he doubt he'll so cautiously act as not to bring that Interest he is employed in to any inconveniencys. Hon^ble^ Sirs if my Judgement errs hope it may be excused as want of capacity and not Integrity and that my freedome of writing is as that I know the Hon^ble^ Masters I serve, and with all respect offer my sentiments and not advice, may your Affairs be as prosperous as you can wish and I permitted to Subscribe myself.

Fort St. George,
October 23rd 1709.

Hon^ble^ Sirs,
Your Obedient Servant,
Tho: Frederick.

Abstract of General Letter from Fort St. George to the Company. December 19, 1709 and January 6/10, 1710. Received per Kent, August 19, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 223. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. Their last by the Heathcote was the 11th October as per Copy President Addison dy'd the 17th an addition to that letter was made by the Councill the 23th, the Heathcote Sail'd the 26th.

2. By the Commission for establishing the Governour and Councill Mr. Braborn being appointed Deputy Governour of St. Davids and not being heard of since May 1707 and Mr. Roberts having desired to go home Mr. Fraser was appointed to go thither the 10th October Stay'd a day longer for 15,000 Pagodas to carry with him to make a Contract for 50,000 Pagodas he arrived there the 15th the ways and weather being bad when Mr. Roberts delivered him the Keys and Pagodas 1,008 the Balance of his Cash. Hallifax, Frederick and Concord then in the road. Mr. Roberts and family departed the next day for Madrass the two Ships saild that night but could not take in a Bale of 350 that lay ready in Godowns.

3. The 19th made a Contract for 50,000 Pagodas which advised to Madrass the 21st with Copy of the Consultation being omitted to be sent: by the Heathcote comes now with the Consultations and Dyarys of the fifteen days Mr. Fraser staid there.

4. 30th October he left St. Davids the 2d November, arriv'd Madrass and was received with the usuall Ceremonys the Hallifax, Frederick and Concord then in the road in 15 fathom water not quite unladen on the 22th and 23th they came into the road.

5. The Councill pursuant to the Companys Commission wrote to the Deputy Governour a General Letter of the 27th October which he received in the way to Madrass advising President Addison dy'd the 17th the Heathcote sail'd the 26th and desiring his speedy return the Chair being vacant he delivered over his charge to Mr. Farmer.

6. President Frazer finding the Heathcote had clear'd their Warehouses of white Goods they wrote to Mr. Hastings &c[a]., at Vizagapatam to get ready what Bales they could and send on any ship that touch't there from the Bay.

7. The Countreys about them to t[h]e southward have had a famine of grain the Rich has provided against it they obliged the Paddy Merchants to open their Stores for the Poor and sell them not above two fanams worth at a time keeping a guard to prevent disorders but now all is over by Ships arriving from Bengall and the Councills opening the Companys stores to keep down the markett price.

8. Kent and Sommers dispatcht from the Bay the 21st November arrived Madrass the 2d instant the Loyall Blisse, not then arrived the Hallifax and Frederick parted with her the 3d September in 3 degrees N.

9. The rains continuing from the beginning of October to the end of November overflowing the roads hinder'd the coming in of the Cloth of the new. Investment and what the washers had washt they had not time to dry by reason of the rains which also hindered the bringing in of corn.

10. The Sommers and Kent were ordered to keep off from Vizagapatam and that coast for fear the French which went to Mergee to fit and Victuall should meet with them whereby no goods were brought from Vizagapatam.

11. Have by said ships received letters from Bengall of the 19th October and 14th November advising the Batta[1] on Madrass Rupees was fallen to 6½ per Cent because they would not be taken for Customs: refer to Consultations of 3d and 15th December what they resolved; thereupon were forced to pay the Subah 33,000 Rupees for his perwanna confirming their old priviledges when can obtain the Kings Phirmaund hope to get back part from the Merchants.

12. 1,440 Dollars paid Captain Peacock in the Bay being Charterparty money as per receipt he desired there 50 tons more of Petre as per request sent abstract of the Westmorlands Cargo from the Bay to the West Coast sent she saild'd the [. . .] September: Stretham and Herne will be dispatcht from the Bay in December and the Recovery follow in January: have advised all the coast ships were arrived as per letter N°. 94.

13. In March last sent by the Stretham for Bengall 300 Bales of Long Cloth and Sallampores as per Invoice amounting to Pagodas 15015: 29: 4.—in June by the Kent sent like sorts amounting to Pagodas 14659: 29: 4—have received by the Kent 300 Bales and Chests to be continued on board amounting to Rupees 215266: 15 and 2,002 Maunds Rice value Rupees 889: 11–89 bags of wheat value Rupees 118: 10: 6.

14. Have received by the Sommers 300 Bales and chests 950 Bags Rice and 100 Bags of wheat totall amount being Rupees 229466: 5—the Rice in both was about 35 garse and a very Seasonable Supply 2 Garse spared the Washers to keep them in heart and encourage others to come many having left them in July and August because of the scarcity.

15. 18000 Rupees in goods laden in the Bay on account of the Old Company and 16300: for ditto on the Kent as per Letter Invoice &c[a]. Sent with their Generall Books Suppose they had not in the Bay heard of the Lord Treasurers award the Councill at the Fort will observe the Companys order relating thereto and bring the same into their Generall Books.

16. 14th November sold 20 Bales Perpetuanoes to the Merchants at 65 per Cent advance on Invoice kept the remaining 5 for the use of the Garrison.

17. Have paid Captain Harts &c[a]. West Coast Bills with 6 per cent Interest amounting to Pagodas 15283: 10: 2 at 17 Dollars for Ten Pagodas; But the Bill for 54000 Dollars have not paid till well enquired into whether part belonged to the delinquents or was on account of Bales of goods brought into their Godowns at 25 to 30 per cent advance; fear it was not for reall Dollars paid into Cash: hear those who received their pay in Cloth, sold it in the Buzar for much less than what charged to them but the West Coast being subordinate shall effectually reform it as the Companys order.

[1] Discount on coins not current or of short weight.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

18. Have had no hard weather this Monsoon at Madrass but some of their ships for Pegu were forced back to Vizagapatam &c[a]. 19th past had violent rains thundring and lightning which splitt from top to bottom their Flag Staff and Standard Mast and damaged a door and window of the Garden House.

19. 21st November received Doud Cawns perwanna for confirming the 5 villages they are let out at 1200 Pagodas, a year for 12 years to Colloway and Vincattee Chittees the lease is too long and they are worth more but may be revoked on a just cause prudent not to do it now to show the Natives the difference between the Moors and English Government and for the better rivetting the Companys Claim to them must supply him with liquors whenever he sends to keep up his generous temper the Mogull employs him in rough business as against the Polligars and to conquer Caun Bux.

20. The Quantitys of Gance[1] imported from Pegu depretiates the value of Lead the Warehousekeeper order'd to sell the lead but not at less than 6 Pagodas per Candy as per Consultation 21th November.

21. Have treated with the Metchlepatam and Maddapallam Merchants about the debt due to them but to no purpose. They demanded all the Principall and Interest due on which they delivered in a Clamorous Petition refer to Consultation 1st December how they were to manage this affair.

22. Have paid Captain Phrip Pagodas 142: 1: 50. for his Charges at Negapatam.

23. The same day took into Consideration the affair of the Moguls present best part sent by President Pitt to Metchlepatam Some months ago they resolved to send it to Gulcondah and add 6 Elephants to what already provided as per List and to deliver the whole to Issuph Caun the Subah and interchange Lists thereof think to send no Europeans therewith only the Mullah and Brammee and Servants and by them Letters to the Court and to the said Subah to take care of the present but shall first dispatch the Kent and Sommers.

24. The first undertaking this present is in the Consultations anno 1708 the helps and hindrances thereto are mentioned in the Consulations of August and September 1709.

25. Zodee Caun was sincere and zealous in this affair and yet is as by his letters President Pitt was vigorous in the whole to obtain new priviledges and confirm the old.

26. But think should rather have apply'd to Zulphakar Caun who has a greater influence and is sonne of Assud Caun who only has leave to sit in the Kings presence when the rest prostrate themselves.

27. Zulphaker Cauns power apparent in this that Doud Caun applying to Zodee Caun to be Nabob of the Carnatta countrys Zulphaker Caun was apply'd to by Mahomud Seid for the said Nabobship and Doud Caun obliged to apply to him by prostrating himself to this Zulphaker who is now Bahawder and Buxie of the Empire &c[a]. and present him with a vast treasure to get the Nabobship whereupon Mohomud Seid was made Divan of said Countreys which is an inferior post to the Nabob while Governour Pitt was mannaging with Zodee Caun. Zulphakeers sent Governour Pitt a Perwanna Vest and Tasheriff which show'd he had a mind to appear at Court in favour of the English but to be sure would be chief therein shall on the returns of the Peons know whether their interest will thwart each other: they were sent the 7th July with Letters to severall great men at Court this Zulfaquier Caun and his father Assed Caun gave the Company the 3 towns in March 1692-3 which have been raised from 12 to 1700 Pagodas a year.

28. 5th instant Captain Harrison desired to have his lading in 30 days or he would sail; the rains hindered their providing for it and made them reflect on the sudden dispatch of the Heathcote who would not have been on Demorage till the 17th January whereas the Sommers and Kent lye at £34 a day demorage.

[1] *Ganz*, the metal which formed the inferior currency of Pegu. According to some it was lead; and others call it mixed metal.—*Hobson-Jobson*.

29. This being the 31st December hope to dispatch the Kent in January full and shall send the Sommers to St. Davids where will be fill'd up by the later end of January: hope they will both reach the Dutch: the Hallifax is sending to Bengall with all her lead on board with 400 Bales Broad Cloth and 4 or 500,000 Rupees have wrote to return her Speedily with rice that may send her again with what Bales can be got ready and part of the above Rupees which will not be ventured all at once shall then judge whether can dispatch her in October for England at either place with the Frederick shall in the Interim employ her to save Demorage if a Danes ship don't prevent; hope to send her to China.

30. Have Spies at Pontichery to advise when the French Shipps arrive the Companys 4 shipps and the Concord in the road keep good look out.

31. Frederick designed for the West Coast with Mr. Jeremiah Harrison Deputy Governour and Supervisor of that coast with full authority to execute the Companys orders by Mr. Crosse and the Heathcote and to give him the greater power have made him of the Madrass Council next Mr. Jennings Mr. Warre by succession is next him shall send a good officer and some souldiers on her and a new set of servants to be of the Council according as Mr. Harrison shall find those at Bencoolen deserving or not.

32. From Fort St. Davids have Letters by the Essex from Bencoolen dāted the 10th and 14th August last advising the Northumberland was dispatcht full the 2^{d} June and strange apprehensions of dangers they are entered in the Copy book N^{o}. 90 and 91 their Packet to the Company enclosed.

33. A small ship which left Bengall the 12th December is arrived but brings no news of the Blisse hear the Batta on Rupees is risen to 9 per Cent the Shroffs having gotten them into their hands The Subah to whom paid 33000 Rupees is turned out of his place 2 Danes laden with Rice were ready to sail from the Bay to the Fort.

34. Their books of accounts to April 1709 now sent wherein the Company have credit for Pagodas 105000 gain'd occasion'd by what may never again happen viz^{t}. the Moors Merchants &c^{a}. resorting to Madrass as to a refuge severall ships importing from Suratt with aboundance of fine goods, great quantitys of Bengall goods imported by the Armenians in hopes of a Markett at the Camp but the sudden removall of the Army spoil'd their Aims and forced them to forbear the Customs for a time till could get money; suppose will turn their Trade this year to Suratt, Persia and Mocha.

35. Account of other Books and Accounts sent are in the List except the Paymasters books which could not send Mr. Addision kept them and his Trustees can't as yet come at them, his Widow can't live long.

36. Refer to Consultation of the 15th and 19th December about what Mr. Fleetwood could say relating to Mr. Cliffe—Captain Harrison can say more of that matter.

37. By the Frederick shall send to the West Coast 100 tons Petre 40 Tons of Redwood and about 150 Bales of Long Cloth ordinary design her to go first to St. Davids with the Kent and Sommers for Security against the French shall put on board each 30 Souldiers when the Frederick returns shall put the Passengers &c^{a}. on board for Bencoolen.

6TH JANUARY.

38. The 2^{d}. of January the rains returned and could not cure 12000 pieces Cloth in the washers hands 5th Captain Harrison delivered them a paper that his 30 days were out which with their answer are entered in the Dyary.

39. Captain Harrison commended for his good behaviour Captain Peacock the like.

COURTS OF JUSTICE.

40. The Mayors Court now has its full authority as the Charter directs but is subordinate to the President and Councill desire it may have a new preamble being in the name of the Old Company which is not the present constitution.

CHOULTRY.

41. Is always held in the Black Town where determine matters of Meum and Tuum Bargains and Sale punishing robberys &c^{a}. all the Council below the third and some of the Justices of the Mayors bench are of this Court.

OF FORTIFICATIONS AND THE MILITARY.

42. Codalore is fortify'd Paces 1583–711 paces not yet don from West to North house bought of Mr. Haynes ready to fall 150 Souldiers at Cuddalore as many at St. Davids 31 more sent from the Hallifax and as many landed from the Frederick.

FORT ST. GEORGE FORTIFICATIONS AND MILITARY.

43. Have 2 companys of each 180 Men at Madrass of which Europeans 155–78 Europeans and Topasses in the Gun room Crew St. Thomas's Point wants repairing and the Case of Arms where the Souldiers lodge on free quarter days is somewhat sunk and crack't which is building on the West side of the Fort.

44. The Godowns for Europe goods and Treasure much out of repair and forc'd to be propt up shall repair them when empty and materialls gott ready.

45. The College Court where the young Factors and Writers lodge so much decayed not safe for any to sleep therein President Pitt had thoughts of pulling it down but did not.

SHIPS AND VESSELLS.

46. The Company have only the President, Rising Sun, Smack and Madapollam Yatch; the President by Consultation of 24th March and 12th April was ordered for Bencoolen but to touch at Atcheen to put Mr. Delton ashore thence to go to Mallacca and Jehore to look after the Essex embroil'd there on; the President was laden for the West Coast 500 Bags Petre 70 Bales Long Cloth and 10 Topasses. She was not arrived the 14th August.

47. Rising Sun Smack Sail'd the 30th August to Metchlepatam with best part of the Mogulls present then after repairing at Vizagapatam was to return with the Bales provided there.

48. Madapollam Yatch sent to St. Davids the 24th September to fetch Bales was forc'd to be unladen and repaired there Stores sent for that purpose Shall send a List of all Ships arrived at and departed from Madrass the last year.

49. Concord is design'd for Bengal but yet is in Madrass Road Shall send Copys of all advised by the Heathcote relating to Bengall by the Hallifax.

50. The Loyall Cooke was well at Battavia the 16th October must stay there till May the old Generall is removed and going home but would not surrender his charge or authority till he went away thô did not intermeddle in the mercantile affairs the President is arriv'd at Battavia Copy of Letter from the Captain entered in the Copy Book.

51. Kents Invoice is Pagodas 98786 : 15 : 1 is a full ship.

52. Shall for the future index the Consultations and Dyarys the Writers now sent out don't write a tollerable hand shall make them sign what they write.

53. The embost Cloth sells well among the great ones at $6\frac{1}{2}$ or $6\frac{3}{4}$ pagodas a yard desire 2 or 3 Bales to bring them in use at Madrass may then write for more Colours most pleasing are yellow flowers or figures on a light or skyblew ground but may send variety of mixtures mostly used as Carpets in the tents of Great Men desire the like of the New fashion Stampt and guilt Leather indented with fine Cloth of the brightest Colours.

54. The Casts now in perfect peace and so are all foreign nations who live at Madrass no hardship or oppression complain'd of allowing the People liberty and property makes them in love with the Government shall take care it be not used to Licentiousness the President thankfull for the Companys just Judgement concerning him he holds his place only during the Companys pleasure and is heartily sorry for President Addison's death would have been well content with St. Davids.

55. Randall Fowke who has wrote severall years in the Secretary's office petitions to be a factor Mr. Dolben and Mr. Wendy would be his Security has no Friends in London.

56. Fleet Frigot bound for Bombay to China was at Mallacca the 28th June her stock 1,50,000 Rupees.

57. The President having been a stranger to the Companys affairs for 2 years begs pardon for the defects of this letter.

58. Pagodas 377 : 7ᶠ. received into Cash of Mr. Edward Bulkley have drawn Bills payable at 30 days Sight to Mrs. Eliza Fawkener or to Thomas Woolley.

59. Abel Langelier refuses to sign his Indenture and Bond design'd home this year will go next he writes a good hand and that is all.

60. Anthony Supply who served the New Company 7 years a surgeon goes home on the Kent as Surgeon.

61. Doud Cawn's Perwannas just received for confirming the new towns professes much friendship their present was well accepted being upward of 800 Pagodas he sent a Vest to the President but no horse; has sent Perwannas to the Renters of the Countrey thereabout to give the English peaceable possession of the said five Villages shall make Colloway and Vincattee Chittees pay part of that present because the rent of those towns are worth more than 1200 Pagodas a year their Cowls are revokable at pleasure.

62. The ships which past by the Road the 7th are supposed to be the French referr to Consultation of the 9th instant for what don for the Kents security.

63. Have the Nabobs Perwanna for 40 Acres of ground at the Mount to build a house and make a garden in which shall hedge in and build a house for the benefit of the Servants healths.

64. Translates of said Perwannas are entered in the Copy book of Letters.

65. Have sent 6 oz. of their rupee matt and as much to Bengall to show the goodness of their Mint.

66. Shall show the Old and New Companys Letters received to all their servants in India.

67. Richard Brickenden returns on the Somers and Mr. Bridges late of Council at St. Davids on the Kent.

68. By the account Mr. Newton sent of what wanting by the Dutchesse find it amounted to Pagodas 581: 20: 4 the late President received 500 Shall endeavour to recover the remainder pray for the future such Copys may be attested and the Servants may view the Bales to see if they be opened on board.

10TH JANUARY.

69. Have received a letter from Vizagapatam dated the 14th December advising they have 43 Bales ready and 65 Bales at the Washers are ashamed they have provided no more having had Pagodas 1852 : 31 sent them this last year and have returned but Pagodas 3381 : 23 : 5 which went by the Heathcote.

70. Captain Harrisons request for 200 Bags Petre sent and Captain Peacocks for what he had in Bengall above his 16 per cent.

71. Mr. Hordens Covenants and Bonds return'd Siyn'd.

WILL: FRASER
W. MARTIN
R. RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
RICH: HUNT
EDWᵈ. BULKLEY
WM. JENNINGS
J. HARRISON
WILLIAM WARRR

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM CAPTAIN FRANCIS SEATON, FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. JANUARY 5, 1710. RECEIVED PER SOMMERS, September 22, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 241. (*India Office transcript*).]

The above viz^{t}: of the 20th October he wrote to acquaint the Company of has been since releas'd but nothing prov'd of what alledged against him nor any reparation made for his charge or loss could not procure a rehearing Since Governour Frasers time therefore beg to have his commission restor'd which was unjustly taken from him.

FRANCIS SEATON.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM SAMUEL GALE, FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. JANUARY 9, 1710. RECEIVED PER KENT, July 26, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 234. (*India Office transcript*).]

Complains that he has not a company on his arrivall at the Fort and the tenure of his Commission Supposes the General Letter will advise of that matter and of his letter and petition has wrote to Mr. Gould about it and hopes he will apply to the Company.

SAM^{L}: GALE.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM JOHN HILLER, FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. JANUARY 10, 1710. RECEIVED PER KENT, July 29, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I,* p. 234. (*India Office transcript*).]

Having been long in the Companys Service begs leave to vindicate himself from what Governour Pitt has wrote against him since he was never summoned before the Councill to do it nor could get in his (the President's) time Copy of the Consultation about that affair so could not make his defence to the Company by the Litchfield.

The Consultation of the 29th March 1708 charging him with unfitness of body and mind.

He says he wonders the Governour should not in 9 years or any of his Predecessors before discover it he has Served the Company 26 years and always served them faithfully and truly in Severall Employments and Coppy'd over severall of the Books.

Governour Pitt's treatment of him was that being poor could not supply his avarice and to make way for his own creatures.

To the 107th Paragraph of the Letter 7th February 1708-9 about him sign'd by the Councill.

Says Mr. Frazer was then suspended and two Councillors who spake in his the said Hillars behalf were overruled that Mr. Fraser under whom he served would have been his friend.

Having served all his youthful days would spend the rest of his life in the Companys service thanks the Company for sending out his sonne whom he will instruct to be diligent and faithfull.

J. HILLER, Senior.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM HENRY DAVENPORT, FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. JANUARY 10, 1710. RECEIVED PER KENT, August 30, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 235. (*India Office transcript*).]

Having served the Company 15 years at Fort St. George in troublesom employs of which 9 as Secretary which severall refused because of its fatigue and he hoping to recommend himself thereby to the Companys favour which the President and Council promised to write about but it being otherwise ordered he

lay'd down the service till heard the Companys future orders Shall wait hoping to have his standing or what other station the Company think he deserves.

HENRY DAVENPORT.

ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM JER: HARRISON, FORT ST. GEORGE [TO THE COMPANY]. JANUARY 10, 1710. RECEIVED PER KENT, August 30, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 235. (*India Office transcript*).]

Thankfull for the favours received in the Companys service will always endeavour to promote the Companys Interest is now appointed of the Council prays the Company will confirm him to serve the Company has undertaken to go to the West Coast thô it is difficult to reform the people there will follow the Companys orders and endeavour to give a better account of Affairs then has been and hopes the Company will accept his endeavours.

J. HARRISON.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 19/21, 1710. RECEIVED PER SOMMERS, September 22, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 236. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. The Kent dispatcht the 11th January her Cargo Pagodas 98786 : 15 : 1. Copy of her Invoice List of Books &c^{a} : sent by the Sommers.

2. Same day dispatcht the Sommers to St. Davids and the Frederick to accompany her and stay till her dispatch for England: Sent 30 Souldiers on each ship with 20 days provisions to stay on board till the Sommers Sail'd to prevent being Surprized by the French the Frederick to return back to Madrass with the souldiers and then to go to the West Coast.

3. Two larger St. Malloes ships arriv'd at Pondicherry the 8th instant they careen'd and clean'd at Junk Selone on the 14th November in the Latitude of 14^{d}: 14′ they took Captain Hamilton's vessell laden with rice from the Mallabar Coast which they empty'd and sunk they were almost famisht before a great famine at Pondicherry the Westmorland parted from Hamilton the day before bound from the Bay to Bencoolen.

4. Captain Hamilton bought of the French a Dutch Prize of 200 Tons they had taken on the Coast for 5,000 Rupees giving them Bills of Exchange on President Pitt payable in August next supposing by that time he might receive from Mr. Maxwell what due to said Hamilton—these Bills being presented to President Pitt's Attorney who declared he had never been possessed of a penny belonging to Maxwell.

5. But Considering the Custom of Nations they thought it necessary the said Bills should be accepted and paid when due by any that would contribute their shares taking the ship for their Security till repaid by Captain Hamilton and he being bound to the Bay have wrote to the Councill there desiring them to make a tender of her to the Dutch Directors on paying the Bills if he refused then to leave a writing thereof with him the Third and lesser French ship is to go to Merga for Rice which they want.

SHIPS.

6. The Tankerville and New George past by Anjengo the 27th October Loyall Blisse had been at Carwar toucht at Anjengo the 18th November Sail'd the 19th for Bengall Carleton Sail'd the 13th December from Anjengo for Bombay hear the Litchfield &c^{a}: had been at Brasile.

7. 18th instant sent the Hallifax to the Bay with 500,000 Rupees 400 bales of Broadcloth and all her Lead.

8. A Danes vessell from the Bay who came thence the 1st instant reports all goods there are stopt coming down the river and the English stop the Moors ships some of which are 40 guns from going down the river their owners thereupon Solicite the Government which hope will end well no other way but giving money.

9. Loyall Blisse not then arriv'd in the Bay but they saw an Europe English Ship in the Offin[g] making for the Bay are advised from St. Davids that an English ship was at Galle in December which conclude was the Loyall Blisse.

11. Hallifax let to freight for 8,000 Pagodas for China as per Consultation of the 17th current if she arrive from the Bay in time which hope she will being to return with rice to prevent the Scarcity which happen'd last year by which many Inhabitants left the Place.

12. They have considered the Parragraph about Demorage and that the Hallifax is £4,897 a year which hope will be overpaid by the Sea Customs and Coynage on her Cargo and being received there will be invested for England a Danes ship was tender'd for that Voyage of 250 tons at Pagodas 5,500.

13. Westmorland, Nathaniel, Frederick and Carleton will be at the West Coast; shall dispatch the Frederick from Madrass in October.

14. If any of the other 3 ships can't be laden from the West Coast shall send them from Madrass in January Suppose the Blisse will be laden at the Bay in October.

15. These are only their present thoughts and may alter by other circumstances.

16. The Sommers arriv'd at St. Davids the 13th instant on the 14th had but 632 Bales embaled 30th October they had from 350 Bales in Warehouse and they advised they had 1,000 Bales in the Washers hands have blamed them for their dilatoriness have sent them by boats above 150 Bales and ma[r]k'd them with Mallabar and Gentue marks and No. if should meet with the French have ordered them to pass Pondichery in the night Shall send them 100 more and ordered them to pack Longcloth and Sallampores brown if they want white goods.

17. Hope to lade 480 tons on her thô need but to put 465 being willing to fill her up in Charterparty time She had 300 Bales Bay goods and 25 Bales of the Old Companys goods and 53 Bales Madrass goods left by the Kent the Slowness of the people at St. Davids inexcusable.

21ST JANUARY.

18. Mr. Raworth sent yesterday overland to St. Davids to see the Bales new mark'd and to quicken them the head wants activity.

19. Were necessitated to send home so much brown Cloth on the Kent and Sommers the rains hinder'd the whitening it and the Heathcote being sent away so early cramp't them.

20. Cloth 20 per cent dearer by the famine the Manilha ships being expected and the French raising the prices yet think they will not go home full their Ship with Rice is missing hope by their Spyes to get and send an Account of their Cargo they think to sail for France the 5th February.

21. The open and Secrett orders to the Captains of the Kent and Sommers are according to Direction Copy of their secret orders sent.

22. Zoode Caun the Moguls 2d. sonnes favourite has obtain'd the Government of Hugley this will prove well for the Company.

23. Desire a good Accomptant at an encouraging Sallary to be under the 2ds. who are often removed there having been three in one Month lately.

24. Are sending the Sommers Packet to her overland have laden at and sent from Madrass Pagodas 81,883 : 13 : 5.

WILL: FRASER
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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JANUARY 25, 1710. RECEIVED PER SOMMERS, SEPTEMBER 22, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 239. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. They wrote at large by this ship Sommers the 19th instant the 23th sent their Packet to her at St. David's overland.

2. Sommers carry'd from Madrass 378 Bales 212 sent after her in 3 boats amounting in all to Pagodas 85,000 hope she will fill up at St. Davids.

3. Just now received Letters from Zoudee Cawn by the Peons sent 7th July to the Kings Court that he was to be Phousdar of Hugley &c^{a}. Seaports in Bengall and Admiral of Gingerlee and Gulcondah Coasts will set out for Hugley in 40 days so soon as his commissions and patents are finisht: desires if the Companys presents are sent they may be carry'd to Prince Hazeemoodeens Camp where his Vackeel will assist in their delivery to the King if they are not sent then to send them to him in Bengall.

4 The best part being sent to Metchlepatam shall order it thence to Hugley think of sending the 6 Elephants to Metchlepatam or sell them and buy raritys with the Money.

5. Hear two of their boats sent to St. Davids for the Sommers are arrived when the 3^{d}. with 55 Bales arrives they will have 1,605 Bales which will fill the Sommers.

6. The French ship laden with rice is arrived Pondicherry.

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ABSTRACT OF LETTER FROM EDMUND MOUNTAGUE AND ROBERT RAWORTH, FORT ST. GEORGE, TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 9, 1710. RECEIVED PER SOMMERS, SEPTEMBER 22, 1710. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 240. (*India Office transcript*).]

They could have dispatcht the Sommers the 28th January.

The 2 St. Malloes ships expected from Mergee Past by Madrass Road for Pondichery on which the Kent was dispatcht laden for Europe and the Sommers and Frederick for St. Davids.

Fearing the French would know of the Sommers being ready to sail and rich and hearing they did ly by for her after they were laden they deferred dispatching her on which Captain Peacock protested and they returned answer setting forth the danger the Ship would run.

On the 3^{d}. instant by orders from Governour Fraser and Councill pretended to unlade her and send her to Bengall to defend the Fort against the Moors the next morning the French sailed they then proceeded to dispatch her but on the 5th seing them from the Road they sent out a boat to descry them better but after 15 leagues sail to the eastward discovering no ships this morning dispatcht Captain Peacock-Copys of Papers on that occasion sent.

EDM^{D}: MOUNTAGUE
ROB^{T}: RAWORTH.

Madras Despatches to the Company, 1710–1711.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. JUNE 22, 1710. RECEIVED PER ABINGDON, MAY 7, 1711. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 249. (*India Office transcript*).]

1. This comes by the Abingdon dispatcht from Bombay the 7th May the Captain chose rather to come to Madrass than winter at Point Gallee hee arriv'd the 30th May Shall now advise of occurrences since the Sommers dispatch.

2. Their Letters by the Sommers were of the 19th 21th and 25th January She Sail'd from St. Davids the 9th February copy of said Letters and her Invoice enclosed.

3. 31st January received Letters from St. Davids dated the 28th said month advising the Sommers was laden but they were afraid of the French at Pondicherry then ready to sail whereupon wrote them an account of a rupture in the Bay and the factory in danger and therefore should unlade the Sommers and agree with the Captain for six months longer stay and send her and the Frederick to the Bay to touch at the Fort for Souldiers &c[a] but by a Private letter gave them the reason of sending this order which was only pretence thô they should report the news as if true these Letters arriv'd St. Davids the 3[d] February, next day the French ships sailed who had been ten days before ready for sailing.

4. Essay of an Ingott of Gold per Heathcote worse than Invoice sent with the Essay Masters report upon it.

5. The Sommers sail'd from St. Davids the 10 February in the morning.

6. The Frederick returned the 17th February from St. Davids to Madrass with 105 Bales and the Souldiers.

7. In February had severall Letters of the troubles at Vizagapatam from Nabob Fuckerla Caun on Account of Mr. Holcombs debt the Principall was 44,000 Pagodas which he gave a Jentue obligation for with Interest and put the Companys Seal to it which makes the Nabob demand it of the Company and he besieg'd the factory upon it whereupon they sent him Souldiers &c[a] the Nabob demanded of the Chief to pay the debt, desert the factory, or come out and fight him, the Chief offered 10,000 Rupees in Europe goods in part but it was refused however he withdrew from surrounding the bounds till the Chief had answer from Madrass.

8. By the Rising Sun sent to Vizagapatam 10,000 Rupees to defray their expences and to the Nabob Copys of the debts owing to Mr. Holcomb from the Countrey Rajahs &c[a] 21,500 Rupees due to the Nabob 145,000 Rupees due to Mr. Holcombe of which 104,951 Rupees good debts as per List enclosed &c[a] Papers also sent the Widows Petition and the Presidents Letter to the Nabob under cover to the Chief with a Present to accompany the Packett to the Nabob and the Mulla and Juggapa to go to him but they neither sent the Present nor Juggapa whereupon the Nabob returned the Packett with the Mulla.

9. The Chief and Council press for orders to pay the Nabob which they say they must do sooner or later because the Old Companys Seal was to the obligation.

10. 25th January the Loyall Blisse arrived in Rogues River in Bengall was dispatcht the later end of February but forced to put back being defective and must stay till the next season the Council having dispatcht her in due time will not vary from the orders given the Captain.

11. 11th March the Frederick sailed to the West Coast with Pagodas 19,443 : 6 : 4 stock of which Pagodas 2,048 : 8 in Lead to be returned Copy of her Invoice enclosed.

12. Mr. Jer: Harrison sent Deputy Governour and Supervisor of that Coast he has ample Instructions.

13. 1st May arrived the Carleton from Bombay dispatcht thence the 27th March for the West Coast Show'd his Consultation at Zeylon for the reason of coming to Madrass have laden on her 80 tons Petre and 20 of Redwood for the West Coast the Countrey Government since April last being unquiet kept her for a time at Madrass Nabob Doud Caun gon to Court his Successor Sadatulla Caun has taken away the five villages on the 13th instant.

14. 17th May agreed with a Country ship to carry the Kings present from Metchlepatam to Zoodee Caun at Bengall but the Governour would not let it go without the Suba of Gulcondahs order so must apply to Sadatulla Caun about it.

15 30th May received a Letter from Duan Sadatulla Caun about a great Dyamond belonging to the King.

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GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. DECEMBER 27, 1710 AND JANUARY 5, 16, 25, 1711. RECEIVED PER FREDERICK, OCTOBER 20, 1711. [*Madras Letters Received, Vol. I, p.* 15. (*India Office transcript*).]

TO THE HON^BLE THE COURT OF DIRECTORS FOR AFFAIRS OF THE R^T: HON^BLE THE UNITED COMPANY OF MERCHANTS OF ENGLAND TRADEING TO THE EAST INDIES.

Hon^ble Sirs,

It is now so long a time as since the 22^d June last, when we wrote Your Honours that short letter sent by the Abingdon Captain Lessly Commander who having taken leave of your Governour the said day, went off shore on board his ship, and declared his resolution of sayling next day without any previous notice or warning of the same to us, any more than on the 30th May that he arrived here, told us that he would stay at this Port till the Primo July, which necessitated us to abridge our Advices to the narrowness of the time allowed for our makeing that Letter so concise, Copy of which comes herewith, and what was then omitted for the reasons aforesaid, we shall advise Your Honours more fully in this, In doing of which we shall observe the manner and method you are pleased to prescribe to us.

AND FIRST OF SHIPPING ARRIV'D AND SENT.

2. The Hallifax from Bengall arriv'd here on the 2^d May and brought us a Cargoe of Salt Petre, Rice, and two hundred and nine bales of Bengall goods, and likewise thirty eight bales severall sorts of the Donnegall's Cargoe, when intended for China and Mocha &c^a packing stuff on your account amounting as per Invoice to Rupees 2,01,997, and some bale goods upon freit a great part of his salt petre came damaged, as likewise some of the goods upon freight. They likewise advise that the Commander returned one thousand nine hundred sixty four bags of Rice when he had not his Tonnage on board according to Charterparty by near one hundred tons, all which damage shall be stated and adjusted to satisfaction so soon as it pleases God arrive that Ship back in safety from Canton, to which port she sailed hence on the 26th of May.

3. The great storm in the month of April produced dire effects to the southward of us, for at Porto Novo severall Countrey Ships were stranded, and drove on shore and broke to pieces, mostly Moors and Chuliars,[1] but one especially a very rich ship belonging to the Moors in Bengall bound for Persia had eight

[1] *Chūliā* (Origin obscure). It is a name given in Ceylon and in Malabar to a particular class of Muhammadans and sometimes to Muhammadans generally.—*Hobson-Jobson.*

hundred bales on board proper for that Market lost her passage being drove off of Zelone, and forced back to Porto Novo, and there perisht her Bows opening, the Ship sunk down all her men lost, to the number of seven only saved, the said storm which begun on the 2^{d}: that month upon a full moon was most violent at Trincombarr, where the Sweeps takes a ship belonging to this place, and bound here from Bengall was drove ashore and broke to pieces, her goods and Cargoe lost but all the men saved, in which loss most or all of us that sign this suffer'd more or less, and an Europe ship of the Danes Company then in that Road being forced near the outmost Surf next the Shore after severall thumps which struck off her Rudder was saved to a Miracle. The Tonqueen Merchant a ship belonging to this Place returning back from Tonqueen fell in with Trincumbarr at the same time where she felt the severest of the Storm, but being a strong built ship, but rather by good Providence she had no worse a fate than to have lost all her masts, only the Foremast standing, after when she arriv'd here on the 7th that Month a sad and dismal sight.

4. At Fort St. David your Madapollam yatch after haveing been fitted and repaired there was at an anchor in Jaffnapatam Road when the storm happen'd the 3^{d}: of April was drove ashore, being empty all to a few pigs of Lead that lay in her bottom, receiv'd no more damage than the breaking three or four of her ribs, but endeavouring to haul her off rub'd most of her sheathing away, which was after repaired and lyes there now under a thatch'd house untill the Monsoon turns to employ her between this and that place, meantime she is at no charge of Lascarrs Wages, we employing only such of them as are in the Gun room Crew here, who are in one constant pay as such and to do any other business of bringing your Bales from thence hither in the proper season.

5. And yet in this Road where there were severall ships at Anchor, and thô the winds very high and boisterous, turning to all points of the Compass yet no manner of damage happen'd, any more than one or two Ships dragg'd their Anchors a little way, and then held fast again.

6. On the 4th of June last here arriv'd from Suratt your ship Tankerville being lett out to Freight, or rather indeed taken up by the Gentlemen your servants there on a Voyage thence to Bengall and back again to Suratt for and in consideration of a summ so little as fourteen thousand rupees, which we humbly conceive to be but a very mean and low freight, especially if it be true what we are credibly inform'd that a certain person Supercargo of a ship belonging in the whole to the English here and at Bengall being then at Suratt, and the Tankerville at that Port should have offer'd to hyre that same ship for the said voyage to Bengall and back again to Suratt for the certain summ of eighteen thousand rupees. We insist on this the rather because that Captain being concern'd in the freighting that ship refused when here, to take on board his ship three Lacks of your Rupees which lay ready chested up by us upon any other terms than our paying freight for the same, which we would not do and on the 14th that month he sail'd hence for Bengall, where he safely arriv'd and return'd thence on the 9th November for Suratt, for which unkind action of his, and going off shore without takeing our Packet, and indeed without takeing leave, we owe him no thanks.

7. The treasure we intended to have sent on the Tankerville was to have been a further supply to your Council in Bengall to employ their hands with in the timely provision of goods for your next homeward bound shipping in obedience to your orders to us the Heathcote.

8. On the 3^{d}: July the Dutch at Pullicatt sent us an English letter directed to that Chief and Council from Captain Pinner Commander of your ship the Susanna, advising his being come from England bound for this Port, but had over shot it in the night, requesting them to acquaint us with the same, and that he had not touched anywhere from England till he arriv'd there to Leeward of this his design'd Port.

9. On the 5th July early in the morning the King William Galley arriv'd safe in this road, on whom came President Weltden who sent his letter ashore to your Governour adviseing all the shipping your Honours design'd for this Place and the Bay; We sent off two Gentlemen of your Council on board said ship with your Governours answer to President Weltdens letter, congratulateing his safe arrivall thus farr and invite him to come ashore, if the same was not inconsistent with Your Honours orders to the Captain of that ship, President Weltden accordingly came ashore at noone that day, and haveing called in and touched at the Cape of Good Hope gave us the good news that the Heathcote arriv'd there on or about the 18th of January and sail'd thence on the 20th March after in company with the Dutch fleet, but that the late President Pitt did not go in company with the Dutch but left the Heathcote and went on board a Danes ship at the Cape homeward bound, and sail'd thence on the 20th February. The late Dutch Generall Van Horn, after his haveing stay'd so long a time as 46 years in India, and serv'd their Company in severall capacitys return'd then home in great state and grandeur for whose sake and sole occasion that fleet was so numerous and magnificent consisting of twenty sail of stout Dutch ships and five of your own ships viz^{t}. the Heathcote, Hern, Stretham, Northumberland, and the Kent. Captain Harrison that arriv'd there on the 14th March, just time enough to gett water and refreshment, and sail'd with the Fleet on the 20th after as aforesaid; The King William Galley left the Cape early in May.

10. On the 6th July President Weltden went on board his ship and sail'd for Bengall, and on the same day arrived your ship Susanna into this Road, and brought us Your Honours Packet of the 9th of January last.

11. We proposed to President Weltden putting on board the King William all the treasure we had in rupees ready chested up for Bengall, which he excused as haveing no orders to touch here that they were already a rich ship, and that the doing of it would intitle the Captain so much the sooner into demorage before he arrived the Port designed for, and the Gentlemen consign'd to.

12. Captain Raymond on the Des Bouverie left the Cape on the 17th or 18th May and arrived safe in this Road on the 11th July after, but Captain Peacock on the Sommers was not arrived at the time he left the Cape, thô he was in some few days after, as you will hear in the subsequent paragraph.

13. On the 15th July sail'd hence for the West Coast your Ship Carlton with all her stock and Treasure, as dispatcht by your Generall at Bombay. During his stay here we took on shore one of his Chests of Dollars and coin'd them into the Malay sort of Fanams, which done, we Laded the same on him again, wee likewise Laded on said Ship on Your Honours Account Sixty Bales of Long Cloth and Salampores with Amunition, &c^{a}. Stores.

14. On the 2^{d}. August Captain Bryan on the Europe arriv'd here, who declared that having left the Cape of Good Hope on the 4th May at night, next morning he mett and Spake with Captain Peacock Steering in for the Cape, who were all very well in health but say that their so long a Passage as from the 9th of February last to that time was occasion'd by the Currants and Calmes they met with, so that here is an account of your returning Shipps so farr, which pray God, if not already may all arrive in safety with you.

15. On the 11th August sail'd hence for Bengall the Des Bouverie on whom we sent a Stock in Goods and Treasure amounting to Pagodas 112050:5. including all her Lead and Iron (except Sixteen Roll Sheet Lead), from England and on the 20th that month we dispatcht the Susanna with a Stock amounting to Pagodas 65187:16:4.

16. On the 24th September we dispatch'd the Europe for Bengall with a Stock amounting to pagodas 140657:7:2., the reason we detain'd the Europe so late was that we were in hopes and in dayly expectation that the St. George might arrive with us by that time to the end we might have certifyed the same to your President and Council of Bengall, if happyly it could reach them before the Loyall Bliss's departure thence for England, but to our great wonder and amazement we had no news nor tidings of the St. George in all that

month of September thô she was safe arriv'd at Galley on the 20th of that Month, yet we had no advices of the same till the 11th of November after, as shall be more fully related in its proper place, because the method we propose to ourselves in this letter is to assign all matters and occurrences in your affairs, to the severall and respective times as their events happened.

17. On the 19th of August arriv'd at Pondecherry four French Ships of the St. Maloes New Company, one of them is a fifty Gun ship the Commodant and hath 280 men on board him, the second and third ships carry Fourty Four Guns and 250 men. The Fourth a Ship of Thirty Six Guns and 180 men, they sail'd from Brest on the 27th January, they touch'd at the Canarys where they stayed twenty four days, and took on board there good quantitys of the Sorts of wine of that place, but brought out no Claret, occasion'd by the great Frost that kill'd all the Vines and Vineyards. They brought out about ninety Chests of silver and ten chests of corall. They pay the Old Company ten per cent on their Stock for permission, thô those of the former year pay'd fifteen per cent for their permission, these last were endeavouring to contract with the Merchants of Pondecherry and offer'd them 12 per cent advance upon the former years prices, which those Merchants would not accept of under pretence of Cotten being so very dear occasion'd by the aforemention'd great Storm in April last, which destroyed all that Cotten crop, which raised the price of Cotten to 25 Pagodas per Candy, however they agreed at last upon advancing the Merchants 14 per cent upon the last years prices for an Investment amounting to Pagodas 70,000 to be brought in and finish'd by the end of this present Month of December.

18. They were endeavouring all they could to procure themselves an able Pylot to carry them thorow the Streights of Malacca, but could find none, they seem to be much embittered against the Dutch, but say they will not go out of their way to look for any English ship, unless any such unfortunate ship shou'd fall into their tract, but they are not to be trusted, and so small a Stock as they brought out, cannot give a full Ladeing in Bale Goods to any more than two of their Ships, but what we hear from Bengall seems most probable, where a large quantity of Salt Petre is provided, and lyes ready for them there where they are dayly expected to take the same on board their ships in order to proceed thence to Pondecherry. The fears and Apprehensions your President and Council of Bengall have of those ships are the just reasons they detain the Des Bouverie and the Susanna so long and so late with them as themselves advise us by their letters of the 10th and 25th last Month; the said four French ships departed from Pondecherry on the 4th of September, but whither bound is rather imagin'd and guessd than any waies certainly known, for that they are altogether independent of Sir Andrew Hebert the present Governor of Pondecherry as to their mareen Affairs, some therefore think they may have gone to Mergy to careen and fitt their ships, and that the Commodant hath orders to make proposalls to the King of Siam to whom that Port belongs, or to his Chief Ministers for obtaining a Settlement there or rather the perpetuall inheritance of that place, it is likewise said that when they have clean'd and fitted their Ships and victuall'd themselves at that Port, they will depart thence and go upon the cruiz off and about the Mouth of the Streights of Malacca to wait the Dutch Japan Fleet while others rather believe as it seems most probable they will proceed directly for Bengall to take on board their Salt Petre, and so up along this Coast to Pondecherry and pick up what they can meet with either Dutch or English Ships in their way, which we pray the Almighty to avert and disappoint, however they are expected to be at Pondecherry on or about the 4th of January which if so, we shall advise your Honours before we conclude this letter.

19. The 16th of September brought us letters of the 3^{d}: and 8th that Month from your late Deputy Governour Harrison, and Supervisor of all your Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra then at Point Pedro with a Generall letter of the 5th of August from himself and Council at Bencoolen, the purport of which was that they had dispatch'd home the Nathaniel on the 5th of July a full Laden Ship, and that on the 12th that month the Sherbourn Captain Cornwall arriv'd there, that

the Frederick whom they sent to Batavia to buy the necessary Stores for the Garrison, and to change the Duccatoons into Spanish Dollars was not then come back, but dayly expected, that Mr. Shingler your late Governour for haveing lavish'd away in twenty one months time a summ no less than one hundred and fifty thousand Dollars without any fair account and is found a debtor to your Honours in the summ of nine thousand one hundred and fourty Dollars for errors and wrong charges in your account of Cash kept by him, they therefore thought it prudent to deviate from your orders by the Sherbourn, and remove him from your service, and brought him and his wife Passengers on said ship for the reasons aforesaid, as well as that by his crueltys he became the generall and common odium of all the Natives.

20. Mr. Harrison's letter to us of the 3^{d}: September from Point Pedro advises his haveing embarqued himself on board the Sherbourn on the 7th of August bound hither, and that according to our orders and instructions to him he had substituted Captain Richard Phrip (who arriv'd the day before) in his place and stead during the said Captains time of staying there, after when Mr. Anthony Ettricke was to succeed as Deputy Governour of York Fort; he declares to have had a good passage from the said 7th of August that they left Bencoolen to the primo September coasting along Zelone being a fair day and keeping the Lead going, shoaling gradually till six of the Clock at night that the Ship struck in nine foot water on a spitt of sand 80 miles off Point Pedro all sails standing, commonly called the Malle Valley Sands to the northward of Trincomolay, all endeavours were used to gett the ship off, but all to no purpose, so that at 12 at night being moonlight the Captain and Mr. Harrison, the former with consent of his officers and men, as agreed to by papers sign'd to, and the latter as being of no use to that unfortunate Ship went in a Boat along with the Captain endeavouring to gett to Jaffnapatam as being the nearest Dutch Settlement to request their Assistance of Sloops and able hands to gett the Ship off again, they were from one that night till twelve next night in that open Boat, and gott no further than Point Pedro whence the Captain went imediately overland to Jaffnapatam. Your Honours had nothing on board the Sherbourn Friggot saveing thirty pieces of old iron Ordnance brought from Banjar, putt on board said ship at Bencoolen to serve instead of ballast.

21. Mr. Harrison's next letter of the 8th September from Jaffnapatam is a recitall of the Dutch Governour of that place his Courtesies and civilitys both to himself and Captain Cornwall which Letters are enter'd in our Copy book of Letters receiv'd N^{o}: 86. 87. 92. to which we humbly referr.

22. Mr. Harrison's next letter to us is dated the 11th that month which we receiv'd here the 21st after as enter'd in the Copy book of letters receiv'd N^{o}: 98 adviseing the Captain Cornwall with the assistance of the Dutch Sloops and their hands, had to a miracle on the 8th of September gott the Sherbourn Friggot clear of the Sands and brought her under sail to an anchor at Point Pedro, and nothing near the damage as at first believ'd, nor indeed could be expected, and it was the joint opinion of the Dutch, Mr. Harrison and the Captain himself that it was safer for him to proceed directly to Bengall than to adventure coming up on the Coast in that late Season, and the better to avoid falling into the hands of the French which thô they had been gon on the 4th that Month from Pondecherry as aforesaid yet they at Jaffnapatam knew nothing of it, so Captain Cornwall proceeded accordingly to Bengall where he safely arriv'd which was the best thing that he could do, for had he come here we should not have taken his Ship into your Service before she had been surveyed, and her Condition thoroughly Examin'd into, which we are sure could not be done in this Road. The said Letter is enter'd in our Copy book of Letters receiv'd N^{o}: 98 as aforesaid.

23. Your Ship President after so long a time as since the 17th April 1709 that she went hence return'd here from the West Coast but last from Vizagapatam the 22^{d}: September an empty ship, she brought us a generall letter from your Deputy Governour Harrison and Council of York Fort dated the 5th of June and another from your Chief and Council at Vizagapatam adviseing your ship Susanna

to have arriv'd there the primo of September, and Sail'd thence on the 4th after for Bengall.

24. Your ship President Sail'd hence for Bengall on the 5th of October to repair her sheathing as well as to gett her out of the way of the Storms and bad weather incident to that Season of the year.

25. Your Rising Sun Smack whom we sent to Vizagapatam the primo March last with Souldiers, Stores and Amunition for the necessary defence of that Settlement as advis'd you by the Abingdon they still detain there as a Guard Ship in case of the worst, if matters should come to extremity, she is man'd with 18 of our Gun room Lascarrs and two English men as Master and Mate.

26. We are now come to the 10th of November on which day we receiv'd a letter from Captain Samuel Goodman Commander of the S^{t}. George dated the 25th of September at Galley, adviseing his tedious long passage from the Canarys (where he parted with the Convoy of the West India Fleet) to the Cape, where he heard of four stout French ships being arrived on this Coast he left the Cape on the 13th July and came to an Anchor in the outer Harbour of Galley on the 20th of September and on the 25th after gott safe into the inner Harbour, where he finds the Dutch civil and kind, who told him of the aforesaid four French Ships being arriv'd at Pondecherry, he advises his Ships company to have been sickly but no mortality, your Souldiers like to eat out the Ships keel they are so hearty which is his own expression. That the Port is very chargeable where all manner of eatables are scarce and dear, and therefore requests we may give him Credit for £100 or more if he should have occasion for the use of his ship and Ship's Company, and desires our orders how to act and proceed. We have gratifyed him as to his request and have accordingly sent him our letter of Credit to the Commodore and Council at Galley adviseing the reasons of our being necessitated to request them to assist the Captain with what he should want, and as to any new orders from us, we sent him none, but referr'd him to such as he brought from Your Honours, so that we believe it may be the latter end of February or the beginning of March before he arrives this Port, his said Letter is enter'd in our book of letters received N^{o}: 117, and our answer is enter'd in our Book of Letters sent N^{o}: 98 to which we humbly referr.

27. The primo this month brought us back your Ship Frederick safe from the West Coast, but empty, excepting your Lead as taken on board at the Port of London, which we continued on board him for our quicker dispatching away that Ship to the West Coast as we did on the 11th of March last for the speedy and timely reforming of the shamefull and exorbitant charges of those Settlements, and your Servants there haveing neither honour nor honesty, reason nor discretion to sett limits or bounds to so great a waste of your estates in their hands as if nothing less than the unexhaustible Silver Mynes of Peru could be a circumference to so much and so great a lavish as they have been manifestly guilty of, together with their intemperancy may be justly said to bear date from that very day Mr. Watts knew himself to be independant to Fort S^{t}: George, and continued a period so long as from that time till your late Supervizor Harrison arrived at York Fort on the 17th day of May last, and now we hope your Affairs in those parts will look with a new face, since Your Honours are pleased once more to make those Settlements subordinate to this Presidency as in Statu quo prius care shall be taken to send over some person fittly qualifyed once a year as a Supervizor thô we shall be hard putt to it to find such a person allwaies so qualified unless we draw them out of the number Your Honours have constituted to be your Standing Council here or at Fort S^{t}. David or other that have employs in your service that cannot be well spared, not but that Your Honours have servants enough and to spare who are mostly Youth, and their sense and judgement as their age, not come to maturity.

28. Captain Phrip brought us the generall letters of the 18th and 19th of August from York Fort, the first sign'd by himself and Council there with their Dyaries and Consultations since your Deputy Governour Harrison left that place, to the time Captain Phrip departed thence to Bentall to settle matters there, and

after to proceed for this Coast, In their said letter of the 18th August they advise the Carlton to have arriv'd at Bentall on the ult°. July where she was takeing on board what pepper they had ready in their Godownes there to bring to York Fort, and doubted not but to send her home a full laden ship by the primo October following, and the Mead Friggot whom they dayly expected, they hoped to send home full laden by Christmas, the Countrey being full of pepper, They advise that Your Honours haveing had a considerable loss upon the barr by Shipping off your pepper on board your ships for England, they desire leave to build warehouses or Godowns at a place called the Carang of about a mile distant from York Fort, there to receive and take in all manner of goods such as redwood, Salt Petre and pepper to ship off and lade on board your ships for England where there is no Surf nor Breakers which they say your late Governour Harrison and Council ordered to be done before he came thence, which we hope Your Honours will very well approve of for the reasons aforesaid, and we shall not spare for what may be frugally lay'd out as absolutely necessary for your Interest and Advantage, and not otherwise, and for which reason we are now upon terms of agreeing with a Sett of twenty four Lascarrs for the term and space of five years to go over to the West Coast; there to continue during that time, and to lade and unlade all your Ships, and to do all other manner of work ashore when there is no shipping in the Road, in the manner and way as our Lascarrs in the Gun room Crew do here and at Fort St. David, and all this because the natives there are careless lazy and easie.

29. Their next Generall Letter of the 29th of August from York Fort sign'd by Mr. Ettricke and Council whom we appointed as being your Covenanted Servant to succeed Captain Phrip, and advises the Carlton to have arriv'd that Port on the 26th that Month, but that Captain Lytton comeing ashore in his Pinnace in their way to the Carrang adventureing too near the Southern Breakers, the Pinnace was oversett, himself wth seven of his men with much difficulty saved and come ashore, but that two of his men were unfortunately drownd, and Your Honours and our Packets by that Ship lost and could not be found after two days searching for them, so that they must act and conform themselves by the late orders and Instructions given and left them by Your Honours late Supervizor M^{r}: Harrison.

30. Captain Phrip likewise brought us a generall letter dated the 12th of September at Bantall sign'd by himself and Council there as also the Dyaries and Consultations of that Factory commencing the 8th of May and ending the 12th of September last, he arrived at Bantall the 23^{d}: of August after he left York Fort, and dureing his short stay at Bantall, he has settled all matters there with the Sultan and Proateens &c^{a}: Chief men, much to Your Honours advantage as may appear by their Consultation of the 5th of September which mentions an agreement sign'd and Seal'd between your Deputy Governour Phrip and Council for your Affairs on one part, and the Sultan, Proateens and Chief men of the Natives on the other part interchangebly delivered by which agreement, the Sultan, &c^{a}: Chief men do oblige themselves and their people to take off your Cloth of the severall species at the following prices viz^{t}; Salampores white at 40 Dollars per Corge, Ditto Blow at Dollars 60 per Corge Long Cloth white at Dollars 90 per Corge Ditto Blew at Dollars 100 per Corge, all which we shall take care to supply them with from time to time as their occasions shall require and your Deputy Governour and Council of York Fort shall advise us of what quantitys and sorts they may want, which may employ some one of your smaller ships that we cannot lade home hence in the proper season, your Tonnage being too large for the Stock your Honours are pleased to limitt to the Investments here and at Fort St. David.

31. All the generall letters from York Fort and Bentall come by the Sherbourn, the President and now by the Frederick as also all those wrote us by your late Supervizor Harrison since he was ship-wrecked, but more especially his letter of the 9th of October last wrott us from Fort St David soon after he arriv'd there with Mr. Shingle in two Dutch sloops from Jaffnapatam are all entered in

our copy book of Letters received N°· 88. 87. 86. 92. 98. 99. 100. 109. 101. 130. 131. 132. 133. giveing an account of all transactions of your Affairs since your late Deputy Governour Harrison arriv'd at York Fort on the 17th of May to the 7th August last that he embarqued upon the Sherbourn, and likewise after his departure what was done and acted by Captain Phrip who Succeeded and Council both at York Fort and Bentall to the 12th September last, that he left the latter to return hither where he arriv'd the primo this month as aforesaid. The above-mentioned letters with their Consultations and Dyaries give us the best insight, the clearest prospect and as we say the truest Land Skip of all your Affairs on the West Coast we ever yet had from any before, thô the manner and way of getting their ungodly estates while they were independant of this Presidency was no mystery in its self, but their unjust practices was one continued mystery of all iniquity.

32. Enclosed comes translate of Pangran Rajah Moode's letter to us receiv'd by the Frederick which partly shews the satisfaction the Natives have by the late change of Government we have made in those parts, it likewise contains matters fitt for Your Honours consideration and your orders and direction to us thereupon, because we are not willing of ourselves to cancel the marks of the favours you have placed upon such of the Chief men whom Your Honours believed might be serviceable to your Interest.

33. Captain Phrip haveing been in Batavia in June, your ship Rochester arriv'd there in two or Three days after him where she stay'd about Seven days, and sail'd thence for China on the 19th or 20th that Month.

34. But now we must change the Scene into a melancholy Theme of what is advised us by Letters from your Chief and Council at Anjengo dated the 25th November with another of the 13th that month from Captain Edward Peirson at Tutecoreen both receiv'd here the 26th Currant giveing us the sad account of your Ship Phoenix haveing been stranded on the Coast of Madura on the 8th of November ten leagues to the southward of Tutecoreen, That he had saved all your Honours treasure being thirty-five Chests, which he delivered into the Dutch warehouse there and had gott severall of your bales ashore on a riseing ground under a Tent and guarded by your Souldiers and the Ships Company to prevent their being attack'd by Natives, and request your Chief and Council to assist them with Boats or Sloops, but rather a Ship, which is the Substance of the Captain's letter, and that from your Chief and Council to us which is partly a recitall of the former so farr, and that they have hired a Danes ship for eight hundred Pagodas to go to the wreck and bring away your bales and Treasure with what more can be gott to carry away to your factory of Anjengo, on which Ship they have sent Mr. William Kyffin to assist them with his best counsel and advice, Copy of both said letters comes in our Packet, and are likewise entered in our Copy book of Letters receiv'd N°· 144, 145, and we are sorry we should close up the old year with so bad an article.

JANUARY THE 5TH.

35. We are now entered upon the new Year, which we pray may prove prosperous to all Your Honours Affairs both at home and abroad, but to this day we have no sight of your expected Ships the Des Bouverie, the Susanna, and the Sherbourn from Bengall, in company together as the President and Council there advised us, so that their staying so late gives us just cause to believe the French four ships may be there. The Des Bouverie is to bring us 250 Tons proper for England and we to fill her up here, the Susanna and the Sherbourn are to bring us up Salt Petre and packing Stuff the latter being much wanting to supply this place, and Fort St. David, when it pleases God safely to arrive the said three expected ships here, so as we may know the quantity of Bale goods they bring us, we shall then be able to judge how to dispose of them, but at present we cannot be certain to send you home any more than the Frederick and the Des Bouverie the Season of the year being so late to dispatch them, so we may hope their arriving so early to meet with the Dutch Fleet at the Cape to accompany them

home as ordered in your publick dispatches, but the fears and apprehensions of the French breaking our Measures so much to a complyance to your said orders however we shall have a remnant of bales sufficiently left at this place and Fort St. David to putt on board of either the Susanna or the Sherbourn to send to Bencoolen with two or three Chests of your Treasure so as to enable them to fill her up with pepper to send her thence a full Laden Ship for England.

36. If we send the Sherbourn to the West Coast as we think we shall, we will send the Susanna to Bengall upon the turn of the Monsoon to carry your Treasure to your President and Council, which we believe may be about three hundred Thousand Rupees and bring us back thence Salt Petre and your Lead &c.ª Stores and packing Stuff to be return'd us thence as soon as possible. Your Lead by what we sent to Bengall, and what more sent them on the King William Galley being more than what they can dispose of as they advise us, we desired them might be return'd us, because we hope to dispose of it better here than your President and Council can do there which is hardly Invoice price, thô at that time we were necessitated to continue on board the Des Bouverie, and the Susanna's lead for their quicker dispatch hence for Bengall with your Treasure to employ their hands for the provision of goods for the timely returning home as much Tonnage as they could, The Loyall Bliss departed Bengall early this Season under her last years dispatches, as they have likewise the Concord on your Honours account, both of them to be early at the Cape before the Dutch Fleet arrives there, so that the Gentlemen of Bengall will have only the King William Galley and the Europe to send home this season, and besides the three aforemention'd ships they intend to send us up and the Frederick in this Road almost full, they cast upon us the St. George (yet at Galley) to provide for, besides the Halifax, whme we hope to dispatch home next October, God sending her to arrive safe back from Canton at which Port as we are advised by Letters from the Captain and Super Cargoes they safely arriv'd on the 22ª September last but they cannot make any great hand of it to the freighters, Gold being so very dear and Mettalls and Gruff goods will not turn to account; yet notwithstanding this discouragement we shall do our utmost endeavours to gett one of your ships let out on freight to China; even thô the Merchant Inhabitants do often fence an Argument with us that such a voyage is much easier, and cheaper performed by the Countrey ships, and the ship we intend to lett out as aforesaid, we think at present may be the Susanna.

Touching Investments here and at Fort St. David.

37. In June last (before your shipping arriv'd) we sent our orders to your Deputy Governour and Council at Fort St. David to propose a contract with their Merchants for an Investment of fifty thousand Pagodas, They sent us their Merchants Answer that they could not be prevail'd with to agree on any other terms than the prices of their last Contract made on the 19th October 1709 alledging that as it was then a grievous hard famine of all manner of corn and grains, yet Cotton was excessive dear occasion'd by the great Storm that happen'd in April that spoyled and destroy'd all the Cotton Crops in the Countrey which made that Commodity rise to 25 and 26 pagodas per Candy, that the travelling charges and Dutys paid in bringing their Cloth into your Bounds was more than what the Companys Merchants of Madras pay, so that we were at last obliged to acquiesce to their own terms without any abatement in the prices of their former Contract.

38. It was still a harder matter for us to prevail with your Merchants of this place, who were combined together (as it should seem) to rise the price of all the severall species of Goods we intended to contract for, for the same reason of the dearness of Cotton as aforesaid which was then risen to Pagodas 28 per Candy, and that the Country was so much under water by reason of the excessive great rains that happen'd unusuall in that time of the year which is the hot and dry season did so much hinder and retard bringing in their Cloth out of the Country, which we confess to be true, in so much that our Barr open'd its way into the sea no less than seven times this last summer, the like the oldest of our Natives remember not to have known, so that 'twas the 27th September before we concluded our

agreement with our Merchants for an Investment amounting to one hundred thousand pagodas on the former prices made by your late Governour Addison, which Investment was not then brought in by reason of that very rainy season as aforesaid and your Broadcloth come by your last shipping we have putt off to your Merchants at 55 per cent upon your Invoice, and the two Bales of Imboss'd Cloth (which is but ordinary in its kind) we can dispose of when we please at 100 per cent above Invoice but that, we must keep some three or four pieces of them by us for presents, we could once have disposed of all your Broadcloth come out on your last shipping at 60 per cent upon Invoice to particular Merchants, but then they could not provide goods enough in that late season for us to contract with them for any certain quantity of Goods to be brought in so as to enable us to give timely dispatch to any one of your ships to be sent home in this Season, thô they might for the next, which our cunning joynt Merchants haveing notice of they immediately brought over to their side, as well knowing none else but themselves could be able to contract for any Investment with us as haveing so much Goods provided beforehand, as they well knew no other merchants had at that time by which means and ways they jointly concerted matters so as that we must dispose of your Broad Cloth to them on the price and terms as abovesaid, which confirms us in our opinion that they were all combined together as we said before, but if we live we shall break the charm of any such combination for the future, and make such your contract Merchants as we think may be best able to serve you.

39. At Vizagapatam they have made no Investment, we judging it not safe to adventure any money there, more than what was absolutely necessary for the expenses of that factory dureing their present troubles and Convulsions, under which they laboured this last year by means of Fuckerla Cawn's having stop'd up all the Avenues of your Bounds and in November last with an Army of 800 horse and 7,000 foot actually layd siege against your factory and begun the first acts of hostility which was warmly returned by the guns of your little Fort, which made the Enemy retire to a further distance, but did not disperse them any more than that they continued the Siege whom we hear since are gone twenty miles further into the Country, which wants confirmation, and is no more than what we have from Jentue Letters to some Merchants of this place, and we fear the effect will not cease till the cause be taken away, occasion'd by that unlucky debt of Mr. Holcombe's the remaining part of a summ of about Pagodas 6500 so long owing to the aforesaid Le Chuw all the Letters of your Chief and Council at Vizagapatam relateing to this troublesome matter are entered in our Copy book of Letters received N°: 4. 5. 13. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 40. 41. 48. 49. 55. 58. 59. 74. 80. 102. 107. 101. and 137 and our Letters and Answers to them on the same are as entered in our Copy book of Letters sent N°: 20. 24. 38. 40. 46. 69. 90 and 111. and in our Consultations of the 11th and 15th December last.

Rents and Revenues.

40. The farming out of Tobacco and Beetle and Ganjee leaves was in the year 1700 lett out to Ponnagettee Narso, Vincattee Puttee and Yellaree for Pagodas 8,000 for the space and term of five years to be paid by the Aliquot summ of Pagodas 666: 24. each month, which term of five years being expired, they were found to be considerably indebted by non-payment of their proportionall summs monthly for which they pleaded their great loss and damage upon Tobacco lying in their Godowns, which by rain became rotten, and good for nothing, however on the 17th December 1705, the date of their new Cowl, the same was farmed out to them again for the summ of pagodas 7,000 per annum by the monthly payment of pagodas 583 : 12. each month as likewise to pay monthly pagodas 41 untill the whole of their old debt of their first farm should be cleared of, and we in March last being very urgent with them for the speedy payment of what they were so much and so long behindhand, and then the Partners begun to quarrell among themselves complaining each against the other as per our Consultation of the 14th that month, by which it doth appear they stand indebted

to a summ no less than pagodas 6,430 and we fear may be a bad debt, they haveing neither houses Goods nor Chattells to make any satisfaction, however we keep them close Prisoners ever since we found them insolvent, as we shall still do, till we can better perceive if there be any trick at the bottom of it, At the same time, we farmed out the Tobacco Ganjee and Beetle to a new Sett for the space and term of five years at Pagodas 7,000 per annum who make punctuall constant payment of pagodas 583 : 12. each month.

41. The Toddy trees that grow in our burying place and those whom we haveing licenced to have the sole leave and liberty of drawing the Toddy of those Trees pay you the yearly rent of pagodas 40 for their haveing that liberty, and in which place they likewise sell their Toddy to all Comers and Goers in such manner as that it is become the generall Rendezvous of all the Schum and Rascally People in and about the town such as Lascarrs Parriars and Slaves of both Sexes where they resort and meet to buy and drink Toddy, and become drunk and other undecencys which occasion'd the Ministers and Church Wardens to deliver us in their Petition on the 22^{d} : day of March and is as enter'd next after that day's Consultation, and we humbly conceive that hallowed Ground, as such a place is, ought not to be indulged to the practice of allmost all manner of vice and Licentiousness, They therefore to remove the Cause, that such ill practices may cease, offer us one hundred pagodas for what those Trees pay yearly, for that they are now very old, and allmost worn out, and that every now and then a Tree falls down with any hard wind that blows, so that the advantage of paying Your Honours pagodas 40 per annum doth not so much arise from the profit they make by these Trees, as the Commodiousness of the place for so numerous resort of those sorts of people all which we humbly submitt, and referr to Your Honours Consideration.

42. On the 4th of April we lett out to farm the fishing in your River to Pasquall &c^{a} : Partners for the space and term of five years at pagodas 50 per annum, reserving to ourselves nevertheless as accustomary our power of drawing the river once in a month for the use of your generall Table.

43. And to Mary Pois widow we renewed her lease for the Paddy field, and Little Garden the term and space of five years longer for and in consideration of pagodas 30 per annum as per our Consultation of the aforesaid date.

44. On the 26th of June we farm'd out the Sole power and priviledge of the Town Brokeridge to Ancho for the space and term of five years, for the summ of three hundred pagodas per annum being pagodas 100 yearly advanced above what formerly lett out for, which with the Farm of the Tobacco and Beetle as before mention'd are all the Farms we have given and granted new Cowls for, The Licence and priviledge given for the distilling and selling of Country Arrack, and the like for selling all manner of Europe liquor by retail are still continued to them by their former Cowles not yet expired, the like we say of your three old Villages as mention'd in our generall books Letter H which comes herewith, these said villages we keep and hold by a more tenacious tenure than the temporary grant of the Five new Villages given your Honours by Nabob Daud Cawn to your late President Pitt, which carry'd no certainty of time with it any longer than that Nabob was certain of holding the Government of these countrys, and in this case we had no worse a fate than our Neighbours the Dutch and French, from whom the like Grants were recall'd, and they obliged to comply with, thô the latter had their villages prolong'd to them again for some time for the expence and charge of a costly Present made to the Duan Sadatulla Cawn on whom the Government of these Countrys have devolved ever since the departure of Doud Cawn as being called up to Court in April last, and we may be in hopes to have them restored to us again upon the like consideration so soon as he returns to Arcott, haveing been gone to the Southward ever since October last, as well to receive the Kings tribute from the Chitranaply and the Mizore people as to compose the differences those tributary Princes have among themselves, and to whom we have not as yet made any present since he came into his Government, we not being in any willing humour to be so lavish as to make the Duan a

Present so soon after the 5th of December 1709 that we sent one so considerable to Doud Cawn, which proved very acceptable as by his Answer to said Letter received here on the 9th of January next after, which confirmed to us the aforesaid five villages, both said letters are entered in our letter book sent N°. [. . .]and the Answer is entered in our Book of Letters received N°.[. . .] and were sent home by the Kent, and thô we had severall Perwannas sent us ever since the 17th of April to demand and recall the said five villages, yet we kept them in our possession till the 13th of June, by which means we secured that crop to our Farmers.

45. And thô the Duan procured Cawn Bahauder and Doud Cawn's perwannas to be sent us to recall the said Villages and seeing all would not do, he at last sent a party of fourty Horse who took possession of them in Cawn Bahauder's name to whose Fageer they belong, since when the Duan has frequently sent us civil and kind perwannas.

46. In this Interim of our Conflicts with the Duan we ordered as per our Consultation of the 5th of June a Guard House to be built a little on this side of Egmore Village on a convenient riseing ground, because the Old Mud Guard House on the other side of that village was in a bottom and so obscured by the many trees of the Gardens of the village which intercept our haveing any sight of that Guard from your Fort here in case of the worst that might happen by any loose party of horse or free booters that should attempt our Guard or plunder your village, and the dimensions of your said new redoubt is thus viz^{t}. a Square with a Ditch, the wall of the redoubt is 134 feet each side, the depth 8 feet, and the breadth of the Ditch at the top 16 feet, the Breadth at the bottom 10 feet, the Redoubt is fac'd with Brick which hath cost pagodas 925 : 7^{f}. within it we intend to build a small conveneint place to lodge your Souldiers, when there shall be occasion for their being sent thither, and may be commodious to lodge and accommodate your sick souldiers at any time when they arrive here sickly, and out of order, which may be occasion'd by any long passage from England hither without touching anywhere from England as has happen'd to those of your Souldiers last come upon the Susanna and the rest of your ships, of whom there has been so great a mortality as has consumed most of your Chests of medicines come by your last shipping.

47. We have likewise ordered the procureing and buying up in the Country five hundred of the he-kind of bamboos to make Chival de Freez or Turn pikes upon occasion to be join'd together to secure the entrance of the little Lanes of your Villages as well as your out Guards against any party of Horse as should dare to attempt any insolency upon either.

48. And our Country Shipping return'd from Surat and Persia &c^{a}. being then in this Road, we took occasion by their number and those of your Inhabitants to take a list of all their names whom we requir'd at a certain day prefixed to appear on the Parade with their Arms, which being accordingly done, we form'd them in the manner of a company of Trainbands under Mr. Raworth whom we appointed their Captain, and the other Subaltern Officers were the Gentlemen Inhabitants of your Town, who with your own Covenanted Servants made a very handsome and good appearance whom we all treated with a good cold collation in the open Fort.

49. But the building our Redoubt made so great a noise in the Country that it reach'd the Duan's ears as farr as Arcott, where he then resided, which occasion'd his sending us his perwannas so frequently that information was brought him that we were building a new Fort, which he strictly forbid us to proceed any further in the work, we answered that we intended no such thing any more than a small house for the recovery of the health of our people after so long and tedious a passage as from England to these parts of the world, so that we did not slacken our hands, but doubled our diligence by increasing our Coolys for the quicker dispatch and finishing the work as we did, thô were much hinder'd by the frequent great rains unusuall in that hott season of the year which likewise hindered much our making of Bricks to the perfecting and finishing

the same as well as the repairing such of your buildings as are so much fallen into decay as intended by your late President Pitt, which we hope to do this ensuing Spring and Summer, and shall be as frugall as ever possible we can.

OF YOUR OFFICERS MILITARY AND SOULDIERS.

50. On the 15th June we received advices from your Deputy Governour and Council of Fort St. David, that on the 11th that month Lieutenant Hugonin and Ensign Ray two military officers of your Garrison of Cuddalore haveing leave for a day or two to go abroad ahunting into the Country and about some two or three miles without the verge of your Bounds in a bottom where stands a Choultry were mett by a Party of Horse and Foot who seemingly came as with a respect to salute them, but all of a Suddain seized on them and carryed them away Prisoners to Waldore Fort where they kept all that night, distant about 20 miles from Fort St. David, Mr. Haughton, one of your Covenanted Servants being in their company at the time they were seized, and being well mounted as the other two officers were made his escape back to Cuddalore and gave notice of what had happen'd, upon which Mr. Mountague your then Deputy Governour sent out a party of souldiers of about 130 men under the command of Captain Vivers, but all in vain, for haveing travelled hard till they were tired, and fatigued they returned back re infecta, and the poor unfortunate Captives carry'd away next day up to Chingee about 40 miles further into the Country, where one Surup Cing a Rajah of the Rashpoot Cast is Governour, where they are still detain'd and kept prisoners to this day, and this matter being inquired into as what should be the cause and reason for so perfidious a piece of Treachery in a time of peace, and all good neighbourly friendship between us and the Governour of Chingee, whose answer was that haveing rented out the Waldore and Tevenapatam Countrys circumjacent to our Bounds to Sheve Redde Naique, and his Mother &c[a]. Renters who became deficient in their due payments and were therefore much in arrears to him, and the said renters liveing and takeing protection in our Bounds, and that in the year 1709 he had wrote severall times to your then Deputy Governour to send up the said renters to him to adjust all Accounts, in order to make satisfaction for what they were so much behindhand in their payments, which if they did not they would thereby make their debt become their own, and that they should expect satisfaction and payment should be made him by the Fort St. Davids Government, and that the Chief renters haveing fled, he had no other ways nor means left him to make reprizall but to do what he did, this matter being thus advised us by your then Deputy Governour Mountague and Council, we immediately ordered them to seize upon all the familys and relations of those Renters that had deserted our Bounds, and Secure them Prisoners in the Fort, which was accordingly done, In some time after the Renters that deserted wrote to your Deputy Governour that they would adjust and agree all differences between them and Surup Sing, and that they would rent the same Countrys again, but first of all they would article for the releasement of our Captives in Chingee, This plausible pretention was believ'd at Fort St. David and the same advised us, and we thereby brought into the same error of credibility with themselves, these matters lying thus in suspence and nothing done for the clearing of the unfortunate Captives, we found as the event proved, that the renters never had any such real intention of performing what they so much seemingly promised, and the Rents of the Countrys are collected and gathered up by some other persons, as Servants appointed by Surup Sing. The Gentlemen of Fort St. David being thus deluded wrote us that the Captives believed that a moderate small Present might be effectuall to procure their deliverance, which accordingly we did to the amount of two hundred Pagodas and sent to Fort St. David ordering them to send the same up to Chingee with some fitting person of a Black fellow to state and argue the case with Surup Sing, we likewise on the 4th last month in our generall letter wrote them our full and positive orders to search and examine plainly and impartially into that whole matter of the Renters how they came to be protected in their Bounds when such demands were

made, and how after it came to pass they were permitted to depart the Bounds without any previous notice of the same given to your then Deputy Governour Roberts and with our generall letter we sent them some Quaeries and Interrogatorys with what more they could think of themselves as a method for them to examine by, they sent us their answer to each of ours, gives us little or no satisfaction, our said letter to them is enter'd in our Copy book of Letters sent N°. 105, and their answer is entered in our Copy book of letters received N°. 146 and their answers to our Interrogatorys are entered in our said book of letters received N°. 147 to which we humbly referr, and the 200 Pagodas Present to Surup Sing, we have ordered to be reimbursed your Honours out of the effects of the Renters.

51. The said Present was well accepted by Surup Sing who shewed a good inclination to clear the unfortunate captives, but the hungry officers about him, as having nothing given them, who have such an influence over him as that they soon perverted his design if reall, Upon the whole if the Captives are not cleared by the next advices we expect from Fort St. David, our resolution is to order up here all the said Prisoners, the relations of the Renters, and to be putt in Irons to be sent on board any ship that shall happen to be at their Port bound hither, whom we shall threaten to send as Slaves to the West Coast, and their Houses, goods, and Chattells in your town of Tevenapatam to be confiscated for your use, we could likewise order the Chief people of some of Surup Sing's villages to be seized and brought into our bounds by way of Reprizall, but this is not a proper time for executing the latter, the Duan at the head of an Army being near those parts, This is a melancholy Theme, which is our misfortune but none of our faults, as being errors of former times (not to say worse) and transferr'd to us.

52 As to the reduceing of the military officers pay to what ordered by your generall letters received by your last years shipping, we find it impracticable, at least at this time, for haveing sent your said orders to Fort St. David to be complyed with there, it had none other effect than that it had begott a generall murmuring and grumbling in both your Garrisons of Cuddalore, and Fort St. David, for immediately a Serjeant and two Centinalls at one of their out Guards deserted their Posts, and run away with their arms, and three more Centinalls of the number that keep Guard to Tevenapatam Gate deserted and run away, likewise with their arms, and haveing trampoosed it all the way on foot from Fort St. David to Waldore and thence to Arcott, and thence dispersed some to Pullicatt and some to St. Thoma, and in their way were forced to sell some of their arms for a subsistance, and finding no place to rest the sole of their foot on they were brought us from Pullicatt on a little ship belonging to this place then at that Port returning hither, namely Serjeant Neives and two Centinells, and the Dutch Chief and Council being very earnest and urgent beforehand for their pardon, we were obliged to gratifye them therein, as to any corporal punishment, and contented ourselves by imprisoning of them here, and keeping them upon a sober and moderate Dyet of Salt, fish and Rice for some time, and after their ordinary allowance, and haveing been Prisoners about six weeks, we returned them on a Chuliar ship to Fort St. David again, and ordered the Serjeant to be degraded of his Halbert, and to be reduced to carry a Musquet, and the like we did by those returned us by the Phouzdar of St. Thoma, being the three other Deserters for whom he pleaded our pardon to them, who being but young stripling and boys we granted his desire, and they finding the punishment in their own folly.

53. And we endeavouring to do the same here to reduce our Officers Pay to what ordered by your Honours as acquainted them on the 2d: August in Consultation, they accosted us on the 3 st that month with their petition which is as enter'd after that day's Consultation, so that on the whole, we thought it not prudent at present to urge this matter any more till we should advise the same to your Honours as we now do to await your further orders in the premises, and we find none of your new Lieutenants confess they ever made any such Agreement for Pay as your Honours mention. Lieutenant Gale dyed insolvent on the 8th May of whom nothing can be said but that he made his hands to Subservient to gratify his taste.

OF YOUR PRESENT STANDING COUNCIL AND COVENANTED SERVANTS.

54. Mr. Mountague arriveing here from Fort St. David to whom the paragraphs of your generall letter relateing to him were read, and took his place as Second accordingly to which he succeeds upon the death of your late Governour Addison, and Mr. Davenport according to the 60th paragraph of your said letter being appointed of Council here, thô he was made so before by your late President Pitt, but finding himself not mention'd in your Commission by the Heathcote he lay'd down your Service on the 22^{d}: September 1709 and went to China in May last as Super Cargoe of the Ship Hallifax, and there being a vacancy in your Council Mr. Warre according to the 69 paragraph of your said letter, was made of Council to fill up that vacancy as per our Consultation of the 25th of August last.

55. Mr. Abel Langelier haveing requested to sign his Covenant Indentures, and he haveing been very diligent in the Accomptant's office, we have therefore granted his request, and his said Indentures signed by him comes herewith, and we would request the like favour of your Honours on behalf of Mr. Randall Fowke, who has done abundance of writeing work in our Secretary's Office here constantly for severall years, that you would be pleased to admitt him a factor in your Service, he being one of whom truth itself can speak no harm.

OF THE KING'S PRESENT AT METCHLEPATAM.

56. On the 14th August, we receiv'd by Cossids overland from Bengall perwannas from Zoodee Cawn adviseing his being arrived at Hugley on the primo May as likewise a Nishan to the President from Prince Azamudeen Second Son to the King Shaalem, translate of which is as entered after our Consultation of the 31st August and your President's answer to the same is as entered after our Consultation of the 16th September as also the translate of Zoodee Cawn's publick perwanna, and his private perwanna, the translate of which is entered after our Consultation of the 9th November.

57. And the Lord Zoodee Cawn being very desireous to have the King's Present at Metchlepatam sent him down by sea to Bengall we therefore ordered the Susanna to call in and touch at that Port in her way to Bengall, and to stay there three days, if in that time they could ship off the Present, but not to stay any longer, and the better to expedite this affair we sent Mr. Faucet on said ship with Zoodee Cawn's Perwannas to all in Government there, as likewise his Perwanna to Isuph Cawn Suba of Golcondah to whom the Government of Metchlepatam is Subordinate, we likewise sent Zoodee Cawn's perwanna to the King's Gushardar, the purport of all which letters was to desire them to permitt the King's Present to be sent him to Bengall by Sea, that he might send the same thence to Court as being much the nearer way more safe and less charge, we ordered Mr. Faucet to stay there to gett all in readyness to be shipt on board the Europe whom we then intended to have sent him in a few days, but we detaining the Europe somewhat latter than at first we design'd in expectation that the St. George might arrive so as to advise the same to Bengall, gave us time enô to be advised from Messrs. Faucet and Noden at Metchlepatam that the Government there would not permitt the Present to be sent off shore to go to Bengall, upon which we ordered Mr. Faucet to sett out on his journey for Vizagapatam, and take his place and station in Council as appointed him there, and the Europe we ordered to proceed directly for the Bay as before mention'd.

58. Whatever might have been so well intended as to the carryage and travelling the Present Overland to the King's Court or Camp, yet fatall was that advice, and those persuasions that prevail'd for sending the present to Metchlepatam by which we lost our own power by putting it intirely into the hands and power of the Countrey Government there, and is now the contending point between the two Chief men so great in place and power as are Isuph Cawn Suba of Golcondah, and the Lord Zoodee Cawn Subah of Bengall and Lord High Admirall of all the Sea Port towns on this Coast from Negapatam to Ballasore, whose sole power

will prevail at last, and we thereby be able to send off the Present to be sent him to Bengall, when he promises to send the same safe to Court partly by water and partly by land carriage, by which so great a charge and expence will be saved as must have been unavoidable if sent overland from Metchlepatam to Court.

59. Musapher Beague the King's Gusbardarr who was sent (by Zoodee Cawn's procurement at first) to Metchlepatam to receive and accompany the Present arrived at that place on the 11th of August 1709, where he hath continued ever since very troublesome and impatient notwithstanding of Zoodee Cawn's late orders to him, nulling and reversing the former orders given him, he has been at the certain charge of five ruppes per diem to your Honours ever since he arrived, but now we hope we have tyred him out and at last gott rid of him since November last that he went away thence to Golcondah, whom we wish never to return any more with any fresh orders from that Subah as he had done once before with threatening to force the Present out of our factory, which we believe they dare not do.

60. The 6 Elephants bought in the aforesaid month of August cost pagodas 7,000 being a part of the King's Present and finding them to be a great charge each month, we sold one of them in January last for pagodas 1750, and the other remaining five we sold in October following for 6,050 which we must make good to the Present in their like kind or the Amount in what is most valuable, the Invoice of said Present was sent your Honours by your last returning ships.

61. The manner and method concerted at that time for sending the Present to Court was but one continued Meander of various thoughts and resolutions, till at last it terminated on the 14th of September 1709 in their full and finall resolution of keeping the Present at Metchlepatam untill they received an Answer to the letters they had sent to Court, as may be seen by that year's Consultation Book sent your Honours by the Kent.

62. Your late Deputy Governour Roberts as also Mr. Harrison your late Deputy Governour of York Fort and Supervizor of all your Affairs on the West Coast of Sumatra intend to take their passage on this ship the Frederick, Mr. Harrison is able to give your Honours a more perfect Account of the of the State of your Affairs on the West Coast than any yet you ever had, for which and his other abilitys for your service, we could wish might have stayed longer there, but that his more fortunate circumstances call and invite him home, to whom we heartily wish a good voyage, and safe arrivall to his native country.

63. Captain Phrip hath likewise been very serviceable to your Affairs on that Coast more especially at Bentall where he presided in that Council after he had left York Fort in order to his return hither, where he settled matters to the generall satisfaction of all the natives there as well as to your Honours future profit, and Advantage.

64. According to your Honours orders we send you the stated account of Mr. Mead's estate who dyed intestate, but no effects of his ever came into the hands of your late President Pitt, but that Messrs. Raworth and Frederick were appointed by the Governour and Council to take care of the deceased's concerns and sell all his goods and effects by way of Publick Outcry at the Sea Gate which was done accordingly and the produce pay'd in Consultation, and brought into your Honours Cash, the ballance we now remitt home to be payd by your Honours is Pagodas 960 : 9^{f}, which we shall in our currant generall Books write off to account Current London.

65. Our Generall Books ending the ult^{o}. April last presents to your view pagodas 71,920 : 32 : 3. gain'd clear of all charges, but Fort St. David's is a heavy article which stands indebted to your Honours in their Books Pagodas 11,740 : 32 : as does Vizagapatam Pagodas 5,659 : 20 : 4.

66. We likewise send your Honours the Account of Sale of the Corall come out on your last shipping, and their produce in what returned by this ship, and the remaining part intended to be sent on the Des Bouverie, its account shall be sent on said ship.

67. We keep this letter open till now that it is the 16th of January and your ship Frederick full this morning as by a writeing under the Captain's own hand certifying the same, because we would not have him make the usuall signall in such case by putting abroad his Colours, and fireing a gun, for the more secrecy in this matter least the news should reach Pondecherry, whence we wait to hear of the French four ships to arrive, till when, we think it not prudent nor indeed safe to dispatch the Frederick, which we intend shall be with all privacy imaginable and to our great wonder the Des Bouverie the Susanna, nor the Sherbourn are not yet arrived, which gives us very troublesome thoughts of their staying so long, which we believe must be occasion'd by the French ships being at that Port.

68. We have received into your Honours Cash here of Messrs. William Warre, Thomas Lovell and George Lewis Pagodas five thousand five hundred, for which we have given our Bills of Exchange drawn on your Honours at nine shillings per pagoda at 30 days sight payable to Elihu Yale Esq. Captain Edward Harrison, and Sir Stephen Evance or Order.

69. Your Lead sent out upon the Frederick comes out ca. mds. v. 2 : 19 : 9 short in weight of the Invoice from England, and yet the Tale and number of the Slabbs are the same exactly with what mention'd in that ship's Invoice, and bill of Ladeing, and the Captain being sent for into Consultation upon this occasion declared he had no other lead on board ship, but what belonged to your Honours and that he received the same by Tale only, and not by weight for which reason we cannot justly charge him with the difference.

70. Your late President Pitt wrote to your Council in Bengall to provide a quantity of Beef and Pork to be salted up and well packed for the use of your Garrison and Shipping, as believing the same might be better and cheaper done in Bengall than here and accordingly they sent us upon the Hallifax viz^{t}: 7 Leaguers Bengall Pork Ditto English 6½ leakers, Beef of Bengall two Leagers, Ditto English 51 half Leagers Suet 2 Cask amounting to in all rupees 4,629 all of it in such bad Condition, and because of the stink we were oblig'd to lodge in our woodhouse upon the Island, and all the art of Coopers being used by new Pickle could not better the matter, we have putt off ten half leagers of the ill best of it to Captain Phrip at much less than Invoice price, and we may pick out about five or six Cask more that may be tolerable, and the rest we must bury under ground lest it should corrupt and infect the air, all which we have advised to Bengall, and forbid them sending us any more in that kind, which if they do, shall be returned them again, which needs must have happen'd by the badness of the Cask and the pickle leaking out, or thrô the neglect or carelessness of the persons they employed to see it done.

71. The Metchlepatam Merchants continue still their murmuring Complaints of their old debts not being pay'd them as per our Consultation of the 21st July and their Letter to us which is as entered after that day's Consultation to which we humbly referr.

72. The Account of your Broad Cloth damaged comes in our Packet as also Account remains in your Warehouse and our account of what is wanting to be sent us out comes in our flying packet as your Honours direct.

73. We send your Honours in the packet a List of all diamonds registered here.

74. We have gott Mr. Roberts to refund and pay in to your Paymaster and Steward what expended for Palankeen Boys and Table.

75. There have been severall causes that have contributed to the making your Paymasters Books of accounts swell for these last two years above what hath been usuall in the ordinary Course of our necessary charges, and disbursements at other times occasion'd by the Interment of your late President Addison partly on your Honours Account, and partly on the deceas'd's Estate that on your Honours account was pagodas 763 : 14. and for Provisions to your late Governour Pitt on his passage home Pagodas 325 : 13. besides the frequent recruits of souldiers sent out of late with their Supernumary officers, and the new Peons entertain'd at the time we were at variance with the Duan relateing to the five new villages as

before mention'd, the latter we have reduced to our usuall standing number of Peons, and in all things else we shall be as frugall to retrench as ever possible we can to what is meerly and absolutely necessary, thô your Covenant servants sent out the two last years are numerous, and needs must for that reason increase the charges of your generall table.

76. With this comes Mr. Skingle's account which gives him credit for what received, and the amount of the sale of his goods at York Fort Batavia, and this place, the ballance due to your Honours being pagodas 576: 9: 13 for which summ he sent your Honours his Bills of Exchange drawn on his Correspondent Urban Hall Esq. and Mr. Thomas Clarke, Senior, at 30 days sight payable to yourselves.

77. Now we are speaking of Debts; must advise your Honours Dr. Warren has pay'd into your Cash the full amount of what drawn on him for the permission of passage of his two Nieces come out on your ship Europe, and likewise that Mr. Robert Jones has pay'd 20£ in part of what lent him upon his comeing out, and promises to pay the remaining part when his next half year's salary becomes due.

78. Notwithstanding what we have wrote in the 66 paragraph of this letter relating to the produce of the Sale of Corrall to be returned one moiety by this ship, and the other moiety by the Des Bouverie, the Trustees of the late President Addision upon second thoughts do not think themselves safe to make any such return by any of the said ships untill they have the Proprietors orders concerning the same to warrant them.

79. We receiv'd letters from your Chief and Council of Vizagapatam of the 29th last month adviseing that Faquier La Cawn had agreed all differences between himself and the Rajahs in those Parts, and that he was comeing with a greater force of horse and foot, and a great train of Artillery with intention to lay a second Siege against Vizagapatam, and that your factory was destitute and in want of all manner of provisions excepting rice, and therefore make earnest application to us for recruits of more Souldiers and a Supply of all manner of warlike Stores Provisions and Ammunition, which we are now doing with the greatest expedition to send them on a Country ship, and your Governour hath sent his letter to Faquiar La Cawn desireing him to forbear all Acts of hostility and remove his army, to send us up his Egipt or Vacquell to agree all matters to a just satisfaction as the same shall appear to right and equity.

80. It is now the 25th of January that we have receiv'd certain Advices from your Deputy Governour of Fort St. David and other hands that three French ships were arrived at Pondecherry on the 22^{d} Current, Two of them from the Northward passed by this road on the 20th and join'd with the 3^{d} their consort a little this side of Conimeer, the Fourth Ship called the August and the best Sailer of them all and has 46 Guns Mounted they likewise join'd with the Prize, whom that ship took in the Streights of Malacca, as returning from Manilha to this Port to which she belong'd, the said ship with her Prize did not go to Pondecherry with the other three Ships, but lyes at an Anchor with her Prize off of a Place called Yellambore some ten miles this side Conimeer whom the other three French Captains at Pondecherry take a great deal of pains to have it believ'd that both ship and Prize are gone to Don Maskereen a Settlement which after so many years being slighted and neglected by the French, they have now formed into a Government by the Constitution of a Governour and a standing Council, the names of the other three ships are the Marrapa Monsieur Roal Captain and Commodore and has 48 Guns mounted, the Lys Brillac 44 Guns, the Dargonge being the smallest has but 24 Guns mounted, they were all of them at Mergy where they careened their ships, at which Port 25 of their men deserted and run away from them, they left that place on the primo December, and two of them went to Cruize in the Streights of Malacca, and the other two whereof the Marrapa was one went to Cruiz off Point Palmeras all along the Coast, till they join'd, and arrived as aforesaid as by our late Advices, Copys of which comes in your Packet, as likewise Copy of your Governours letter on that occasion to Sir

Andrew Hebert Governour at Pondecherry sent him in all hast to all which we humbly referr, and your Honours may be assured, there is the same friendly correspondence and good understanding kept now as formerly between us and that Governour for the good and benefit of this place.

81 According to your orders we send your Honours by this ship our Journall parcels since the ultimo April last to the ultimo December, Letter 1.

82. We are now by God's grace dispatching to you the Frederick with a Cargoe amounting to Pagodas 126472: 18: 4 as per Invoice whom God grant to arrive in safety with you.

83. The [. . .] Generall Letter shall [. . .] by the Des Bouverie whom we hourly expect with your other two ships the Susanna and the Sherbourn from Bengall. So with our hearty prayers for your Honours prosperity in all your Affairs both at home and abroad, we do with all duty and respect take leave and subscribe ourselves.

Hon^ble^ Sirs,

Your most obedient faithfull humble Servants,

WILL: FRASER
EDM: MOUNTAGUE
W. MARTIN
ROB: RAWORTH
THO: FREDERICK
RICH: HUNT
EDW: BULKLEY
WM. JENNINGS
WILLIAM WARRE.

ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. FEBRUARY 8, 1711. RECEIVED PER SUCCESSE, MAY 25, 1712 AND PER BOUVERIE, SEPTEMBER 9, 1712. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol.* 1, *p.* 277 (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. Their last was of the 27th December 5th, 16th, 25th January 1710 [1711?] by the Frederick. Shee was dispatcht the 27th, the Bouverie and Sherbourn arriv'd the 1st February from Bengall in ten days.

2. Bouverie brought 1,508 Bags Petre what was more than Charterparty proportion Captain Raymond requested might be continued on board his request sent. 400 Bales Bay Goods and 5 Chests of Tincall from the Bay also continued on board She will want about 900 Bales more which are now putting aboard, the French ships in Pondicherry Road hinder the goods coming from St. Davids have in case of necessity ordered those goods in countrey boats and under countrey Invoices and Consignments. By the Bouverie received from the Bay 1,900 Bags rice 135 Bags of wheat 49 Jars of Oyle the rest of her lading was Packing Stuff her Bay Invoice was Rupees 3,11,398.

3. Are advised the King William Susannah Concord and Europe will be dispatcht from the Bay in January.

4. The Bay wanting as by their Account about 2,00,000 Rupees to make up the Stock the Company design'd them, shall send it by the St. George yet at Gallee when she arrives.

5. Captain Cornwalls receipt sent for 750 Dollars Charterparty money paid him at the Bay.

6. By the Sherborn received advice from Messrs. Hedges and Russell who dispatcht her, That the Sherborn by her ill Stowage could not take in of the tonnage hee ought 53 Bundles of Gunnys 86 Bundles Ropes 3 Bundles of twine 10 Bales of wax cloth 1 Chest of Sealing wax 250 Maunds of Match.

7. The 2d instant Captain Cornwall being interrogated thereon said being in hast to come away with the Bouverie he had not time to stow the goods to the best advantage.

8. Whereupon sending their gunner and two Masters of Countrey ships on board to survey her, they reported everything in the hold lay confusedly without any manner of good stowage, that with good stowage she might have brought 50 tons more of goods Copy of their report enter'd in Consultation and is also in the Packet.

9. Having supplyed Captain Phrip with some small bales as he desired for Stowage on his promise of taking in brown Cloth when he had them he refused the other saying he was full could not have laden home the Heathcote, Summers and Kent if had not sent brown Cloth.

10. Design the Sherborn for the West Coast with Stores wanted some Bales and Treasure to load her for England their best crop of pepper being in March and April intend to send a Supervisor on her.

11. About May last Meer Mahmud of the Race of the Mahomet got the Phousdarship of St. Thoma of the Duan at 7,000 Pagodas a year he took possession the 20th August but finding he could not raise above the rent a Braminee and Gentue Conicoply advis'd him to new measures by which they promised to raise him 3,000 Pagodas more if he would Protect them which he promised on which they increased the Juncans on the road and doubled the dutys on fowls Batty firewood Herbage etc^{a}., and laid a duty on all Gardens thereabouts if any children in the street quarrelled their Parents must pay a fine for their freedom on which the Inhabitants and Boatmen deserted the Phousdar sett up to determine all matters of meum and tuum among the Portugeez which they refusing he seized 10 of them and imprisond them and made them pay 600 Pagodas for their liberty about Christmas they escaped to Madrass and their Bishop whose house was beset escaped the 2d January on which the Portugeez complained to the Duan against the Phousdar.

12. The Armenians are become numerous and opulent have the sole trade to Manilla, believe they are endeavouring secretly to get the Government of St. Thoma if they should openly do it must rent it for the Company to prevent the lessening the Customs of Madrass no fear from the Portugeez they are so dwindled away.

13. The 3d of September the four French ships sail'd from Pondicherry to Mergy to refitt on the 1st December. 2 of them sail'd to Pegu where they took the Diana sloop belonging to the English of Madrass with a stock of Pagodas 4,500 then sunk the vessell but treated the Prisoners civilly they sail'd thence to Point Palmeras the other 2 Sail'd from Mergy to the Streights of Mallacca the 17th December took a 2 Mast Vessell of 70 Tons one Rigby master and her stock of 40,000 Rupees belonging to Mr. Chitty &c.^{a} of Bengall and then burnt her 19th of January they took the Chindadre off Madrass. Mr. Bell Pylot and Barnwell Super Cargo belonging to the natives of Madrass returning from Manilla with 150,000 Dollars and 50,000 dollars private adventure and carry'd her towards Pondecherry leaving her 15 miles off—Sir Andrew Hebert commanded her in and with difficulty obtain'd it the 25th January came the advice to Madrass. With much adoe got the Merchants to go thither in a body to complain and the Governour wrote him a letter also the 31st January she was in open court cleared and delivered back and carry'd to St. Davids and the Treasure landed there in the Fort. The French took and sold 2 empty Dutch sloops.

14. Sir Andrew Hebert commended for his generous behaviour in this affair against his own private profit for the French Company allow him 15 per cent on all Prizes taken and condemn'd at Pondecherry.

15. This 17th February hear the four French ships were at anchor in Pondicherry road the 15th said to be kept by the southerly winds but it is suppos'd they'l stay till the Duan and his army is past by the place where he intends to call in—The Bouverie almost laden they every night send 40 Souldiers and an Officer on board for fear of the French and till they hear they are gone and have other

preparations ashore in case of an alarm. The four French ships have but 1,200 Bales in them and notwithstanding their Prizes will be loosers by the voyage this makes them resolute to attempt anything it's reported they will touch at Mascareennas and thence go to the West Indies.

16. Have hired a Countrey Ship at 100 Pagodas a month to carry Provisions &c^{a}: to Vizagapatam and 44 souldiers &c^{a}: she sail'd the 9th.

17. Reason why did not send the Sherborn because thought to lade her home But the Bouverie taking in more Bales than expected and the French at Pondicherry hindering her being sent to St. Davids and the Captain not having then half his Charterparty N^{o}: of Men but he has made them up since this prevented her being laden for England.

18. Have received from Captain Cornwall his Kintlage Lead on the Charterparty terms but he produceing no Invoice of its prime cost could not give him Bills for the amount shall give him a receipt for the weight and quantity of the Lead to adjust the cost in England by.

19. Paddy in the year 1709 was sold at 8 to 10 Mercall a Pagoda is now at 26 to 28 Mercall a Pagoda so that the northern grain boats have not resorted to Madrass but went to Metchlepatam where the ground is better for salt than grain this lessens that branch of the Companys revenue and makes the Renters of the adjacent combine to raise the price. Paddy being cheap at Metchlepatam several corn boats are on their way to Madrass by which means shall break the renters combination.

20. Fourteen days since received Isuph Caun Suba of Gulcondas Letter of leave to send the Present from Metchlepatam to Bengall to Zoodee Caun shall send to examine what part is damaged believing a great deal is by its long lying which they formerly complain'd of its being sent thither and under the Moors power. Have besides other charges paid the Kings Gusbardar 150 rupees a month since August 1709 till within this three months when got rid of him: He opposed Zoodee Cauns orders but hope have surmounted all.

21. Could not dispose the Companys silver this year at so good a rate as did last when the Hallifax and a Danes ship were taken up for China which was at Dollars 16½ for 10 Pagodas only 1 small ship now going for China—A 2^{d}: Manilha ship rich is dayly expected will make silver cheap—Have to supply their Cash; sold 32 Chests silver at 16⅝ dollars for 10 Pagodas nobody offering more as per Consultations of the 15th and 19th instant.

22. The 15th currant Mrs. Foquett and her daughter Elizabeth Browne petition'd against Captain Henry Cornwall for a Contract of marriage he had made with the said Elizabeth anno 1707 at Fort St. George said Petition the Captains answer and their opinion are entered after the Consultation.

23. This is the 22th February and 2 days since received advice from Fort St. Davids that the 4 French ships with a sloop sail'd from Pondicherry the 18th to the southward at 5 that afternoon were seen off St. Davids the 19th in the morning they could not be seen so hoped they were gone but are yet in doubt and in pain how to dispatch the Bouverie.

24. Just now have news the 4 French ships and sloop were seen off Sadraspatam yesterday on which fitted out an empty Brigantine with a boat and Catamaran to make discovery as far as Sadraspatam—Captain Jones commanding her and 5 Catamorans more in the offing on pretence of fishing the 23th Captain Jones wrote word that a Syam ship mett the French in 11° 30′ Latitude 20 Leagues off shore who chased and came up with her this confirm'd the news receiv'd from Pondicherry and St. Davids that they would ly in wait for the Bouverie the 24th advised the same to St. Davids who were lading Bales to send up to fill the Bouverie. The 25th the King of Syams Ship arrived Madrass and confirmed the news.

25. The Factors at St. Davids hearing this delay'd sending their bales so that the Season being late to get about the Cape and fearing the French may cruize off Zelion or Mascareennas have resolved to detain the Bouverie till September

as per Consultation of the 27th Choosing rather to pay Demorage than run hazards of so rich a cargo—Shall send Duplicate hereof via Bencoolen and in a few days write overland when the St. George is arriv'd being speedily expected.

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ABSTRACT OF GENERAL LETTER FROM FORT ST. GEORGE TO THE COMPANY. MARCH 31, 1711. RECEIVED PER SUCCESSE MAY 26, 1712 AND OVERLAND VIA BOMBAY PER WINDSOR JUNE 24, 1712. [*Coast and Bay Abstracts, Vol. I, p.* 280. (*India Office transcript.*)]

1. Their last was intended by the Bouverie dated the 8th and to the 27th February refer to that and the Consultation why did not send home the Bouverie hope to dispatch her and the Hallifax in September or October.

2. The 27th January dispatcht the Frederick with a cargo of Pagodas 126,472: 18.

3. The Manilha Ship returning for Madrass and taken by 2 French Ships in the Streights of Malacca on the 10th December was brought to Pondicherry but on a full hearing clear'd because belonging to the Natives at Madrass.

4. The 1st February arriv'd the Bouverie and Sherborn in ten days from the Bay being detain'd there for fear of the 2 French ships who cruiz'd on the Coast and past by Madrass road the 20th January for Pondicherry where they mett their 2 Consorts who had been in the Streights of Malacca.

5. This comes overland to advise the reasons why detain'd the Bouverie—The Manilla ship being clear'd to the disappointment of the four French Captains they were more bent to attempt the Bouverie which they therefore caused to be brought into 6 fathom nearer into Shoal water—They shotted the guns on their batterys and sent every night 40 Souldiers on board.

6. The 18th February all four French ships sail'd from Pondicherry steering S.E. towards Europe but were seen the 21st and 22th off Sadraspatam cruizing as was further confirm'd by a Syam ship heard they would cruize for the Bouverie off Mascareennas if they mist her on the Coast being disappointed of the Manilla ship for which reasons they did not think it adviseable to hazard the Bouverie by dispatching her and hope the Company will not blame them.

7. The 22th March the Hallifax arriv'd from China who made but an indifferent voyage for the Freighters for want of Japan copper.

8. The Successe advice boat was going up Bengall River the 4th March.

9. Have a letter from Captain Goodman of the 21th Currant at Gallee advising he has bury'd but one man and would sail thence in 5 or 6 days if he had certain news the French were gon off the Coast they have sent him that advice thô it was not then come to hand.

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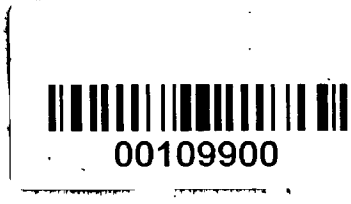

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